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## DRIVEN TO HAVE FUN

MORE than 100,000 people flocked to the Kent County Show this weekend as organisers hailed it one of the most successful ever, despite lengthy traffic jams getting into and out of the showground at Detling. And we were there to allow you to relive all the fun and excitement of the three-day event.

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■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

A PROPOSED industrial estate at the site of the old foundry could bring up to 190 new jobs to Faversham according to Swale council, if developers can meet the £1 million cost of decontaminating the site.

Tomorrow (Thursday) members are expected to decide whether to grant permission for the demolition of Faversham Foundry in Seager Road, which would be replaced by 37 light industrial units and 111 houses and flats.

Planning officers welcome the proposal, which they argue could bring up to 190 employment opportunities to the area; many more jobs than the foundry itself created.

Planning officer Graham Thomas said: "The majority of the current site is only suitable for the sort of heavy industry which is not employment intensive, and which does not create a bright future for the site."

"Even maximum employment figures across the whole site have not exceeded 100 jobs."

Planners estimate the development will bring between 114 and 190 jobs to the town, but development balances on a knife edge, as the site is so contaminated with metal and asbestos the clean-up costs are estimated at more than £1 million.

This is expected to halve the profit and the applicants - George Wilkins Developers - argue that a reduction of just 10 houses would mean the scheme is no longer commercially viable.

But much of the criticism centres on the proposed housing.

Many people, including the police, Faversham Town Council, Faversham Angling Club, and residents living near the site, have objected to the plans, which would consist of several large blocks

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**JUICY:** Over 50 varieties of cherry will be available for tasting, with 300 still growing

# Get a little fruity when you visit delightful festival

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

BROGDALE is offering visitors more than just a taste of summer with an incredible 300 varieties of cherries featured in the forthcoming Cherry and Strawberry Delights Festival.

Part of the Flavours of Faversham weekend, the festival promises the widest range of British soft fruit in the country, with many different varieties to taste and compare.

At the festival, the largest in the south east, there will be more than 50 different varieties of cherry to taste and buy and more than 300 varieties to see growing.

There will also be live cookery demonstrations with top Kent chef Scott Anderson, gardening talks and tours, a sheepdog display, a mini railway, craft and plant stalls, delicious food and lots of children's activities.

Visitors can also take guided tours of the orchards, which will give people the chance to pick the brains of Brogdale's experts for advice on growing fruit in the garden.

Sally Roger, from Brogdale Collections, said: "A visit to Brogdale is a unique experience and our festivals

showcase the best of the fruit grown here and open up a world of old and unusual varieties which taste fantastic and could be easily grown in your garden at home."

New this year will be seven local artists exhibiting their work and displaying fruit in a creative way.

The National Fruit Collection is the largest such collection in the world, with over 3,500 varieties of apples, cherries, pears, plums, nuts and vines and many other types of fruit set in over 100 acres of countryside.

Many people visit Brogdale each year for advice on how to grow fruit in their own gardens, and to research old heritage varieties of fruit which can be bought and tasted at the farm.

Brogdale Farm is run by Brogdale Collections, a social enterprise company with the principle aim of creating awareness and interest in the National Fruit Collection.

The long term future of the farm was secured earlier this year after Defra decided to keep the National Fruit Collection at Brogdale following a tendering process which could have seen the genetic database moved to another site.

The Cherry and Strawberry Delights Festival is on this weekend, between 10am and 5pm on Saturday and Sunday. For more details see [www.brogdalecollections.co.uk](http://www.brogdalecollections.co.uk).

## Development threatened by expensive list of changes

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of flats up to five storeys high.

Householders living near the site say these are too tall and would compromise their privacy.

And police say the estate design does not do enough to deter criminals, arguing that free pedestrian access to the industrial units and narrow pathways would encourage crime.

The police have submitted a lengthy list of changes, including CCTV cameras, gated access routes, and door entry systems, as well as buildings with no recesses and car parks which do not double as thoroughways.

Other objections have been made to the number of homes included in the proposal, which is likely to take Faversham over the housing limit proposed by the Local Plan up to 2016.

The plans will be discussed at a meeting at Swale House on Thursday, July 17, at 7pm.

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**NEWS** IN BRIEF

## Residents object to benches proposal

SHOPKEEPERS and householders in Faversham are not taking proposals for new benches sitting down, objecting strongly to plans to install six extra seats in the town centre.

The idea of new benches is supported by the town council, which agreed six should be installed. However, people living near the proposed site of seats in West Street and Court Street have objected to the proposal.

## Youngster's abstract art goes on display

A 12-YEAR-OLD artist has secured his first exhibition at a popular Faversham restaurant.

Gabriel Clark, of St Ann's Road, started painting with acrylics 18 months ago.

Inspired by Picasso, Dali and Hundertwasser, Gabriel, who goes to St Edmund's School, Canterbury, creates vibrant abstracts which have wowed teachers, family and friends.

Now the talented schoolboy is holding an exhibition this week at the Aqua restaurant, in Belvedere Road.



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# Ruinous state of our borough's heritage

## Association says buildings are in dire need of repair

BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

SWALE'S historic buildings are falling into disrepair with their future remaining uncertain, according to a damning report.

Eleven sites in the borough have been identified in English Heritage's 'At Risk' register, including eight considered either in 'very bad' or 'poor' condition.

They include churches, naval buildings and period houses which have either been abandoned or underfunded over a long period.

### Refurbished

In Faversham work has been ongoing at Abbey Farm, where the medieval ruins of the old barn are being refurbished by Robin Dane.

Prior to his arrival it had been given a 'very bad' rating. His joinery business moved into the premises to use them as a workshop and office, with room for 20 employees.

Mr Dane said: "I bought it in 1999 when it was derelict and have spent about the past eight years adding new beams, timber, brickwork, foundations, concrete, floors and posts. There's probably another two or three years of work left to do."

He estimates the total cost of renovation to date to be about £1 million and hopes to



SAVED: Medieval ruins of old barn at Abbey Farm are being restored, but English Heritage fears for the future of other sites in the area

expand further, pending planning permission from the council, which he sees as essential to helping preserve the use of such historic buildings.

He said: "It's needed for our business development because without further expansion, the history dies."

Murston Old Church in Sittingbourne is rated as 'poor' by the register and given priority category 'A', meaning "an immediate risk of further rapid deterioration or loss of fabric".

Built between 1375 and 1550, the only southern chapel is still in place; the rest surviving as buried archaeological remains.

Peter Morgan, chair of Sittingbourne Heritage Centre, said the church was original-

ly vandalised by the Victorians, with two thirds of it pulled down to build its more modern replacement further down the road.

The church is now in the hands of the council and does not appear to have been made use of since.

He said: "We tried to persuade the Scouts to use it as a meeting place about 20 years ago. A new door was fitted but it was vandalised and taken away."

In Sheerness, the Grade-I listed Boat Store in the dockyard is identified as being at risk. Its structure is unique in being the earliest surviving example of a multi-storey iron-frame structure, the inspiration for modern-day skyscrapers.

## Website's advice for busy parents

HARRIED parents from across the country looking to entertain bored youngsters are logging onto a website run by a Faversham mum.

The site, [www.whatson4schoolkids.co.uk](http://www.whatson4schoolkids.co.uk), has been launched by Zena Scott, of School Road, mother of ten-year-old Beth and seven-year-old Benn.

It provides information about activities for children throughout the UK, with details of classes and events for children from five to twelve years in local, themed, easy-to-navigate listings, with more content added every day.

Mrs Scott runs the website from home, fitting the work around family demands. Both her children get involved, with Beth running the Kid's Only page of the website, which also has a forum for both parents and children to use.

Beth's classmates at Ospringe School helped design the site, the sister project of a website launched in 2006 which details activities for under-fives.

That site, [www.whatson4littleones.co.uk](http://www.whatson4littleones.co.uk), won founder Sam Willoughby, a mother in Hampshire, the award of Practical Parenting magazine's Business Parent of the Year 2007.

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## Police chief 'has a lot to live up to'

THE new police commander for Swale says that he is optimistic about the challenges facing the area.

Chief Inspector Tony Henley takes over from Mark Chambers, who has left to become deputy head of training at Kent Police College, bringing with him over 22 years' experience in the service.

In the past six months, Chief Inspector Henley has been borough commander for Maidstone and previously worked at Kent Police headquarters at Maidstone, helping to implement neighbourhood policing.

The father-of-two said: "This is an exciting time for Swale. A lot of redevelopment is taking place and as the local police, we will continue protecting and serving the public through these changes."

"I understand I have a lot to live up to, after the legacy left by Mark Chambers, which has seen a reduction in crime across the area, as well as a rise in crime detection rates."

"However, I meet this challenge with confidence and intend to build on this success."

## Coachworks set to put filling station back on right road

SOUTH East Coachworks is expected to take over the dilapidated Dunkirk filling station near Faversham, if permission is granted from Swale council tomorrow.

The successful firm, which specialises in custom-built coaches including promotional vehicles and band tour buses, is hoping to move to the site from its workshop in Preston Street.

The move will allow the town centre site to be used as a training workshop for aspiring coach builders to learn their trade from the company's expert craftsmen.

The development in Dunkirk would include two new workshops, and the removal of much of the detritus currently occupying the area including 50 scrap vehicles, 3,000 litres of used oil and 500 tyres.

But Dunkirk parish council has objected strongly to the proposal, complaining about the potential for noise, chemical pollutants, visual

impact and disturbance to wildlife.

But South East Coachworks has insisted it will only use light equipment and it will also clad the building to prevent noise pollution.

The firm has further promised that spray painting is contracted out, and not done on site, with only smaller, hand-painting jobs likely to be carried out in Faversham.

It also argues the development will not unduly increase traffic, as many employees live in Canterbury and will get to work via the motorway and by-pass.

The company carries out about 14 conversions a year, and only moves the buses in for work and out when the job is completed.

The site has previously been used to sell second hand cars and as a vehicle repair workshop, but planners say it is run down and unattractive, and welcome the proposal by South Kent Coachworks which has been recommended for approval.

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NEWS IN BRIEF**Police call for witnesses to assault behind pub**

A FIGHT in a field behind a pub left one man in hospital.

Police are appealing for witnesses after a man was assaulted behind a pub in Littlebourne Road, Canterbury, on July 4.

The attack happened at 11.30pm and the 37-year-old man, who had earlier been in the Mill House Tavern, had to be taken to hospital suffering from head injuries. He was released after treatment.

Anyone who witnessed the fight can contact PC Jo Heard on 01227 868267.

**Woman admits to not giving dogs enough food**

TWO starving pet dogs have been confiscated from their owner, who has been banned from keeping animals for five years following an investigation by the RSPCA.

Alison Mutton, of Querns Road, Canterbury, pleaded guilty to causing suffering to the German shepherd and cross bred dog, named Sadie and Benji, when she appeared before city magistrates.

She admitted failing to provide them with enough food, and has been banned from keeping pets for five years.

Magistrates also conditionally discharged Mutton for a year and ordered her to pay £250 in costs.

**Soloists needed to help rock during town festival**

THE Herne Bay Rocks competition will return as part of the town's festival this year and the hunt is on for solo performers.

The musical showcase offers five nights of live music throughout the annual Herne Bay Festival week, across five venues, with 15 local acts competing to win studio time and a spot on the main stage on Saturday, August 23.

Solo artists interested in being a part of Herne Bay Rocks 2008 should contact David Shepherd on 07740 163795.

**A Last drama for teacher**

WEST End singer Greg Last returned to St Edmund's School to join other ex and current pupils in marking the departure of the school's long-serving director of drama, Richard Parsons.

Past and present pupils including Mr Last, who is appearing in the Buddy Holly Story in London's West End, joined forces to put on an evening of drama and music in honour of Mr Parsons.

They performed excerpts from a series of senior school drama productions spanning the teacher's 18 years of service.

# Barrister blasts his 5-year jail sentence

'I was not guilty of kidnap conspiracy' claims his book

■ BY YOURSWALE REPORTER

A LAWYER sent to jail for five years in New Zealand for his role in a bizarre kidnap conspiracy has published a book proclaiming his innocence.

John Burrett, 60, who lived in Whitstable and studied at the University of Kent, was arrested in July 2002 in a blaze of publicity, along with his nephew, charged with attempting to kidnap one of Wellington's leading businessmen.

According to New Zealand police, the pair were about to demand millions of dollars as a ransom and after a seven-week trial he was sent to Rimutaka prison.

But Mr Burrett insists he was an innocent man and that his conviction was "by international standards a travesty of justice".

Writing in the book *One Game Too Many* which charts his remarkable fall from grace, Mr Burrett says it was all a misunderstanding after he flew to New Zealand in 2002 in a bid to escape his hum drum life and pursue his love of adventure and adrenalin sports.



INDULGENCE: John Burrett's fascination with bungee jumping and other adrenalin sports ended in a jail sentence

But it ended when detectives discovered a hidden dug out in a park at the back of his luxury home – which police believed was where they would stash their victim.

The lawyer says he's always had a fascination with speed and dangerous sports and thought New Zealand would be the ideal place to indulge his fantasies.

He went bungee jumping with his nephew and embarked on hazardous climbs in the New Zealand mountains.

They did discuss who they would like to kidnap but Mr Burrett claims they were all fantasy.

He said the evidence was stacked against him but police didn't bother to interview inde-

pendent witnesses who could have cleared him. The barrister says there was no evidence to show they were going to kidnap anyone and no material to show they were about to demand a ransom.

He said: "All we were guilty of was stupidity."

The hideout was discovered by council workers who called police who staked the den out.

Later officers claimed the pair had a copy of the New Zealand rich list and were even planning on kidnapping the country's prime minister Helen Clark.

He said: "Despite what the jury said we are not guilty."

• *One Game Too Many* is published by Brandon Associates and available now.

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## This talented folky, grunge singer is sure to take the blues away

SHE'S one of the brightest new talents around and she's the latest to have her musical prowess showcased on our free, broadband website [www.yourkenttv.co.uk](http://www.yourkenttv.co.uk).

Singer songwriter Lucy Kitt is now appearing in *The Ether* – our hugely popular focus on the cream of the music scene in the county.

A former University of Kent student, the 22-year-old has developed a growing fan base through her self-penned acoustic songs.

In *The Ether* she performs *Let You Burn* and

*Morning Sun* and chats to presenter Charley Vines about her career. Taking inspiration from the likes of Joni Mitchell, Bob Dylan, Neil Young and PJ Harvey, she has developed a style some find difficult to pigeon hole.

She explains: "Some say it is folk, some say blues, some say grunge – you can choose."

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**LAMBETH CONFERENCE** CANTERBURY PREPARES TO HOST MIX OF PERSPECTIVES OF CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY



**HOST:** The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams has invited hundreds of bishops to the conference

# Bishops unite and divide on their beliefs

THE divisions in the Anglican Church will be thrown into sharp relief this week as the Lambeth Conference sees more than 600 bishops descend on Canterbury.

But more than 150 bishops have already boycotted the conference, which runs from today, July 16, to Monday, August 4, over the issue of homosexual clergy.

This, among with other thorny topics including Christianity's relationship with Islam, will be discussed through a series of debates and workshops over the course of the event, which will be staged at the University of Kent campus and across the city.

A programme of fringe events runs in conjunction with the main conference, and it is here that every facet of the Anglican Church is to be explored. Organisers pride themselves on including a variety of views in the fringe, many of which do not adhere to mainstream Anglican teachings.

A conference spokesman said: "No bona fide Christian organisation has been refused

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

a presence in the marketplace or an event on the conference fringe. The presence of so wide a range of organisations reflecting many perspectives and positions of Christian action and theology reflect the richness of ministry offered by the world church."

Both sides of the debate over homosexual clergy are represented at the fringe, with an anti-gay workshop aimed at "Christian leaders wanting to help people seeking to overcome unwanted issues in their sexuality, including addictions to pornography, marital challenges and same-sex attractions".

At the other end of the scale, pro-gay plays exploring the issues faced by homosexuals are being staged, including a performance by Peterson Toscano who shares his spiritual journey and explores gay issues.

Police have said they will be stepping up security for the conference, which is a favoured target of activists wishing to disrupt a high profile event. More than 1,000 people are expected to attend.

## Just what is the conference about?

TAKING place every ten years, it represents one of the most significant global comings together of members of the Anglican Church.

It is designed to be the one occasion when all bishops can meet for worship, study and conversation. Its name comes from Lambeth Palace – the traditional home of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

In addition to the nearly 900 bishops invited are those from other churches 'in communion' with the Anglican Church, such as bishops from United Churches and a number of ecumenical (those promoting unity between churches and religions) guests.

Invitations to attend are issued by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, with his wife, Jane, inviting the bishops' spouses to attend the parallel Spouses' Conference.

This year's event is set to be dominated by discussions over homosexual clergy, with Dr Williams calling for the event to be an opportunity to "collect and collate" the diverse views on human sexuality.

First staged in 1867, this will be the 14th such event.

## Hot topic under debate

THE debate over homosexuality in the Anglican Church has caused deep divisions in the lead up to the conference, pitting traditionalists against those who wish for a more liberal stance.

Issues such as the ordaining of gay bishops and clergy, the blessing of civil partnerships and the church's general policy towards gay rights have been hotly debated over the last few weeks, and this looks set to continue at the Lambeth Conference despite Archbishop Rowan Williams' assertion this conference would be a "more reflective and prayerful" than in previous decades.

## A novel event for bishops

WORLD-famous crime novelist PD James will be entertaining visiting bishops as part of the fringe conference at St Augustine's Abbey on July 30.

Baroness James will be meeting bishops and answering questions as part of an event organised by the Prayer Book Society.

There will also be the chance for visiting bishops to talk to members of the Christian Peacemaker Teams, including Prof Norman Kember, who was held hostage in Iraq in 2005, on July 28 at the University of Kent.



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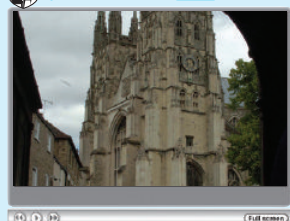
Ahead of the Lambeth Conference getting under way today, Julie Maddocks went to find out more about the event for a special report on our broadband TV site [www.yourkenttv.co.uk](http://www.yourkenttv.co.uk).

She spoke to organisers to discuss what can be expected.

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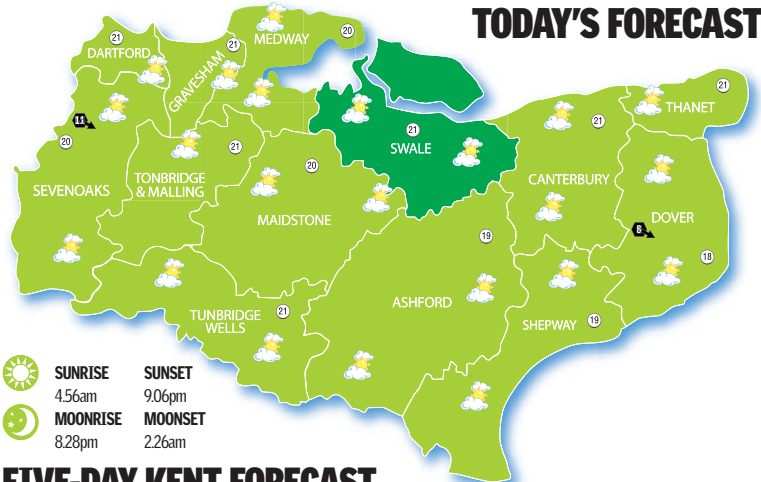
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Dover	Saturday	11:36am	6.0m
	Sunday	12:11pm	6.2m
Dungeness	Saturday	11:27am	6.8m
	Sunday	12:06pm	7.0m
Ramsgate	Saturday	12:06pm	4.6m
	Sunday	12:41pm	4.7m
Sheerness	Saturday	1:03pm	5.3m
	Sunday	1:41pm	5.4m
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## AROUND THE WORLD YESTERDAY

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Athens	33°C	New York	28°C
Barcelona	23°C	Paris	22°C
Beijing	26°C	Rome	26°C
Bombay	30°C	Sydney	18°C
Cape Town	18°C	Tenerife	25°C
Cardiff	18°C	Tokyo	32°C
Gibraltar	25°C	Vancouver	21°C
Hong Kong	31°C	Warsaw	16°C
Las Palmas	25°C	Wellington	13°C

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Canterbury	23°C	20°C	18°C	19°C	19°C	Maidstone	24°C	21°C	19°C	20°C	20°C
Chatham	23°C	20°C	18°C	18°C	19°C	Ramsgate	23°C	20°C	18°C	19°C	19°C
Dartford	24°C	21°C	19°C	20°C	20°C	Rochester	23°C	20°C	18°C	18°C	19°C
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Folkestone	19°C	18°C	16°C	17°C	17°C	Tonbridge	23°C	20°C	18°C	19°C	19°C
Gillingham	23°C	20°C	18°C	18°C	19°C	Tun Wells	23°C	20°C	18°C	19°C	19°C

## Teenager's cat trap is top idea, says RSPCA

A SCHOOLBOY has designed a cat trap which alerts owners that it has been activated using an electronic device.

The traps are used to catch feral and injured cats for neutering and treatment, but after setting a trap someone usually has to return every few hours to see if a cat has been caught.

Daniel Cooper, who was a pupil at Westlands School in Sittingbourne when he designed his device but has since started an apprenticeship, volunteered to help the RSPCA build the remote control trap.

Nicky Honey, who runs the RSPCA mobile cat neutering clinic, said: "If a feral cat is caught in a trap and not taken out for several hours then it can become very stressed and even injure itself.

"It will be fantastic to have a device that tells me immediately the cat is caught so I can go and get it out and get the treatment carried out before releasing it again."

The RSPCA mobile neutering clinic has neutered almost 8,000 cats, mainly for owners on low incomes but also for feral cats.

Cat neutering is important to prevent owners being left with litters of unwanted kittens, which are often dumped, abandoned or taken to already-full RSPCA animal centres for homes to be found for them.

Ms Honey added: "We are so grateful to Westlands School for having built this trap."

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# All the fun of the fair

**MORE** than 100,000 people flocked to the Kent Show last weekend – leaving the organisers struggling to cope.

Thousands of motorists were left fuming as they sat in queues of traffic for up to two hours to get into the County Showground in Detling Hill on Sunday.

The show's general manager, David Goff, admitted they had been a victim of their own success – and had underestimated the number of families attending the last day of the three-day event.

He put the congestion down to a system of temporary traffic lights and road works implemented to block off U-turn junctions.

Mr Goff said: "When you have a system, you have to run with it. We had a lot of people here over the weekend and a lot more on Sunday than we thought."

But the show itself, now in its 79th year, was a huge success – with the Dancing Diggers, show-jumping and a giant walking robot among the highlights.

There were more than 900 stalls across the 250-acre site and a selection of sheep, cows, goats and horses battling to win prizes.

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AND JAMES ALEXANDRE  
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The only concern was when a member of an army parachute display team had to be taken to hospital with back injuries after being blown off course in gusting winds on Friday.

The parachutist was part of The Princess of Wales Royal Regiment's The Tigers, who are renowned for their acrobatic displays at events nationwide – he has been recovering at Maidstone hospital.

Fund-raisers from Demelza House Children's Hospice in Bobbing had thousands of visitors flock to their stall, which offered children face-painting and a life-size Tardis and Dalek from TV show Doctor Who to be photographed next to.

Youngsters could also enter a prize draw for a BMX bike in celebration of the 10th birthday of the hospice for terminally ill children.

Demelza area fund-raising manager Donna Wells said: "This event is really important for us because it attracts so many people county-wide who may not know about Demelza



**POPULAR:** There were so many entertainments on offer at the show that organisers were overwhelmed by visitor numbers

House and the families that it serves in Kent."

Leigh Holmes, of the Hawking Centre at Leeds Castle, put on a display of birds of prey at the show.

He said: "It's just really nice to get out and show to loads of different people. I like the countryside area of the ground – you've got reindeer and gundogs, as well as falconry."

"It's quintessentially English, which I like."

Kent Scouts were also out in force, with about 50 volunteers promoting the work of the organisation across the county.

Jane Town, adult development officer, said: "We're here to promote Scouting and make



sure people know what it's all about, which is a whole variety of things."

The Kent Youth Trials Club had riders demonstrating their skills on a dedicated dirt track, complete with obstacles at the entrance to the heritage area.

One of its star protégés is seven-year-old Ieuan Jones, from Ashford, who has only been riding for ten months.

Dad Tony said: "He loves it – every weekend he's out on the bike, he absolutely adores it and spends a couple of days of just solid riding. He's in his element."

One of the main attractions was the dancing diggers display. Comprising five JCB 3CX diggers and one Bobcat mini-loader, the stunt team from Diggerland in Strood wowed the crowds with versatile formations such as leaning on their sides at 90 degrees and performing dare-devil wheelie stunts.

Team captain Lee Cooper, who has been involved with the team for the past 23 years, describes their routine as "synchronised swimming with diggers".

He said: "It's the first time we've been back here for about 12 years. We do all of the big county shows all over the country and it's good to be at our local one in Kent again."



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# Watchdog wants to hear your concerns

KENT Police Authority will be quizzing people in shopping centres countywide over the next few weeks to identify the main anti-social behaviour concern.

The roadshows follow last year's tour which identified anti-social behaviour as the biggest issue for residents across the county.

Shoppers will be asked to vote on the following potential concerns as identified by police research:

- Teenagers hanging around;
- Rubbish or litter left lying about;
- Vandalism, graffiti or deliberate damage;
- People being drunk or rowdy in public;

■ BY NICK AMES

- People using or dealing drugs.

The tour will run until August 22 and gives the public a chance to meet authority members and police community support officers.

The locations and times of the visits are:

- Maidstone, Chequers Centre, July 28, 11am-3pm;
- Bluewater, July 29, 10am-3pm;
- Folkestone (Asda), July 30, 11am-4pm;
- Ashford, County Square, August 1, 11am-3pm;
- Chatham, Pentagon Centre, August 7, 11am-3pm;
- Kings Hill (Asda), August 15, 11am-4pm;

• Sittingbourne (Asda), August 22, 11am-4pm.

Kent Police Authority chairwoman Ann Barnes said: "The authority acts as a watchdog and we need to let people know there is someone overseeing policing across Kent and Medway."

"Last year we found that anti-social behaviour was the biggest issue for residents. Now we want to find out in more detail what the issues are."

"It will be interesting to see the results as we now have neighbourhood policing under way."

"It is our job to make sure taxpayers get the best value for money. One of our core roles is to find out what people want from policing and I'll be watching with interest to see what the public choose as their top anti-social behaviour priority."



HIDDEN ANXIETY: Kent Police Authority wants to uncover the main public worries



CASH FLOW: Income from Dartford crossing tolls is to be diverted away from Kent

## End of the road for county's toll cash

KENT residents are losing out in cash for roads from the Dartford crossing tolls and the system needs to change, according to county councillors.

KCC's Cllr Keith Ferrin said the crossing charging system needed a "radical overhaul" in order for local motorists to benefit.

His call follows news that cash received by the county authority from tolls is set to stop.

The Department of Transport is proposing a discount scheme for drivers in Dartford to pay a £10 registration fee in return for 50 free crossings a year, due to be introduced in the

autumn. However, the £1 million a year which KCC has been getting from the tolls towards planned integrated transport schemes is being phased out.

Cllr Ferrin, the cabinet member for highways, said: "The Dartford tolls don't reduce congestion, they add to it. Motorists are repeatedly held up in lengthy queues on both sides and residents suffer from noise pollution."

"While Kent has been receiving £1 million a year in loan sanctions – meaning we have been allowed to borrow the money – in future we will not even get that."

"The Government is going to divert

the cash away from Kent into national transport projects, while we continue to suffer."

"There must be better ways of doing this which are of benefit to more people in Kent. The charging system needs a radical overhaul to make it fairer for all."

"As it stands, residents in Gravesend won't get the benefit from the proposed discount even though they live four kilometres closer to the crossing than people living on the Essex side who do qualify."

"We believe in putting the people of Kent first. These proposals seem to do the opposite."

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**COLOUR-CODED:** Pupils enjoy their language day

BORDEN Grammar School pupils and staff teamed up with South Avenue Primary School to enjoy a successful day of learning Spanish.

Teachers Lesley Holl and Julie Frost were joined by sixth formers Sam Duchesne, Gareth Messenger, Barry Cuffe and Patrick Collins, all 17, and studying for their Spanish A-Level.

They helped primary school pupils learn the language using a variety of different team activities, by dividing them into groups of six to eight and naming them after Spanish-speaking countries.

The groups competed against each other in four games, including dressing up in clothes according to the Spanish words for the colours they were given.

Others included questions on Spain and Spanish-speaking countries, labelling flags in Spanish and throwing the correct number of bean bags into hoops, with numbers and colours in Spanish.

This is the third year that the language day has been organised, continuing Borden's relationship with South Avenue.

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# Badger says: Attitude is your biggest asset

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

'THE Badger' came to visit pupils at Highsted Grammar School to give them advice on how to be successful in their future careers.

Ruth Badger, famous for her appearance on hit BBC TV show *The Apprentice*, drove down to Sittingbourne from Manchester to teach the three As of success: ability, attendance and most importantly – attitude.

She went on to tell the audience of 125 sixth form and year 11 students that she is walking proof that a positive attitude can get you where you want to be, in business and in life.

Ms Badger was a finalist in the 2006 series, having already been a successful executive in a financial services company.

Since then she has launched two other companies and fronts her own troubleshooting show 'Badger or Bust', in the UK and abroad.

Headteacher Jenny Payne was delighted with Ms Badger's visit.

She said: "We were all inspired not only by the story of her continued success but also by the work she does with schools to encourage enterprise."

"After her presentation she was quite happy to sit and talk individually to some of our students, encouraging them with their career plans."

"I think all those who attended went away motivated to continue working hard in their education as well as determined to develop a positive attitude."

Charlotte Hawkins, 17, had the opportunity to talk to Ms Badger.

She said: "She was really interested in the enterprise activities we took part in two years ago and wanted to know how much profit we made. I thought her talk was really interest-



**DETERMINED:** Ruth Badger with pupils at Highsted Grammar School where she gave a motivational talk

ing, she is such a down-to-earth person like one of us, and she has made such a success of her life.

"She gave us lots of tips. For example, it is our attitude towards people that is most important and not necessarily just ability that will help you succeed."

Over the past few years, Highsted has welcomed a number of inspirational female role

models to talk to pupils about leadership and aiming high in their chosen careers.

These include the first British woman to climb Everest, Rebecca Stephens, and educational entrepreneur Yolande Beckles.

Others who have visited are consultant and development coach, former *Apprentice* candidate Alexa Tilley, and Antarctic scientist and polar explorer Felicity Aston.



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## Lavatorial issues are the bottom line this summer

IF there is one thing more likely to prevent someone going to a music festival this or any other summer, you can bet your bottom dollar it will be to do with where you put your, erhm, bottom.

In a nutshell, I'm talking toilets.

The recent fiasco which was the Zoo8 three-day event at Port Lympne recently proved, however, that even those who know just what to expect have some standards.

And believe me, if you know what to expect, your standards will be pretty damn low as a starting point.

Because the latrines are the living embodiment of what a festival means when it comes to lifestyle changes. As you bustle through the gates, a basic level of hygiene must be checked at the door and an acceptance that the phrase 'don't look down' must be applied at all times when a trip to the lavs becomes a necessity.

U-bends mean nothing here... flushing systems are a luxury you must learn to live with-

out. There's no getting away with it, they truly are just as unpleasant as the stories you hear. But it is all part of the experience - and one everyone ought to go through. It's a rite of passage that will make you thank the Lord every time you visit a bathroom with plumbing.

Yet, the truth remains music festivals can provide some of the finest experiences money can buy. Which, given the entrance charges some impose, needs to be sufficiently ecstatic.

But if the sun shines, you are presented with two or three days of doing literally nothing other than listening to music, chatting to friends and, let's not pretend otherwise here, having perhaps a couple of drinks too many without a set of car keys in sight to worry you.

Granted, that may sound like most teenagers' daily lifestyle, but for those in employment, they provide a chance to unwind.

Which is perhaps why, when they go wrong the frustration and anger is so apparent. It's like going on holiday and finding out there's a construction site outside your apartment.

Of course, there has perhaps been no word more frequently used this summer in the

county than 'festival'. Every weekend, it seems, a cow field somewhere has been transformed into a 'festival' site and those who enjoy spending a weekend under canvas caked in mud flock to listen to an often eclectic line-up of musical acts.

But don't let it ever be said festivals are just for music. Oh no! This year we have fruit, oyster, cherry, football and comedy festivals. You name it there's a festival devoted to it. Not so long ago the county even hosted a garlic festival (insert 'a real stinker' gag of your choice). Surely it's only a matter of time before the business world gets involved and companies start flocking to seminar festivals, or blue-sky thinking festivals; suited and booted executives standing in fields listening to ways of raising revenues and boosting bottom lines?

Mind you, if they could enhance the line of lavs you place your bottom on, that could become the finest festival performance of all.

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## TALK TIME

### KATIE PRIOR

The president of the pole fitness society at the University of Kent talks about the growing popularity of the sport and the uphill struggle to change perceptions.

#### How did you get into pole fitness?

I joined the society, nervously, in September, but fell in love with the sport. I have enjoyed watching new members progress, developing self-assurance, learning new moves and pushing their bodies.

#### It seems to be growing in popularity. Why?

As well as being great fun, a pole fitness workout burns as many calories as a gym session. It will also raise your self-esteem and confidence, and is a social sport without being overly competitive. I think its popularity has been helped by the increasing public awareness with celebrities such as Jennifer Aniston, Kate Moss, Kylie Minogue and Angelina Jolie all having reportedly tried the sport. Pole fitness is addictive, there is always something new to aim for, a new move that you want to achieve and the fitness benefits keep you coming back for more.

#### What are the health benefits?

Pole fitness is a workout incorporating cardio and strength work. It will tone and define your muscles, make you stronger, fitter, more flexible and agile. This sport improves coordination and helps to develop persistence and concentration.

#### What can be done to combat the stigma?

We will always face an uphill struggle to defend our society against those who have never been to a session. We don't call ourselves 'pole dancers' and when we perform we keep our routines gymnastic rather than dance-based and never use music with compromising lyrics.



## YOUR LETTERS



### Organ pipe thieves will face judgement

Just what sort of world do we live in when thieves steal pipe organs from our churches? (Bring organ pipes back, pleads vicar, Yoursware, July 9).

For the sake of making £50 in scrap metal, these people have caused huge pain to so many who enjoy the music this organ creates.

I just hope those who have stolen them are prepared to face judgement when their time comes...and realise they can redeem themselves by returning them now.

Kath Briggs  
Faversham

### Difficult to find forgiveness for act

My heart sank when I read about the theft of the pipes from St Laurence's in your paper last week.

And it sank further when I read that to replace them would cost £10,000 given their scrap value will be around £50.

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underline the selfishness of people but it makes the quest for forgiveness these people clearly

deserve even more difficult to swallow.

T Randell, by email



If you go down to the woods today you'll not regret it

## Wood funding is very good news

Good to see Perry Wood receive some lottery money. It is one of the jewel's in the area's crown and one which deserves a higher profile.

My husband and I, our children and now our grandchildren have spent many happy days strolling around the beautiful woodland area and admiring the glorious views across the hills.

This is an area fully deserving of protecting and enhancing for future generations.

Mrs T Frant  
Faversham

## More officers more sense than overtime

I was staggered to read that police have earned so much in overtime in the past two years.

If there was ever evidence that we need more police officers, this must surely be it. One assumes that overtime is paid at above the standard hourly rate, so we end up paying more for work done and police officers must be more tired and overworked as well.

So, can we please look at this and accept there is a need for

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more officers, and sooner rather than later.

James Milhouse  
Minster

### Is smokeless cigarette the pub trade's saviour?



## Smokeless ciggie is not the answer

It was good to see your story in last week's Yourswale over the use of the so-called 'smokeless cigarette' which is perfectly legal to use indoors.

Arguably, this could be part of a recognition that the ill-considered smoking ban needs a rethink, especially for pubs and clubs, in fact anywhere where people meet socially.

The smokeless cigarette device will wrongly be seen by some pub landlords as a potential life saver. They are almost without exception facing a threat to their business caused by declining visits.

Well done to your reporter Tom Betts for taking this on to the street to gauge people's reactions and perhaps in time people will begin to recognise that the smoking ban is not a benefit.

Allow smoking and non-smoking pubs, clubs and restaurants, then

Britain can once again consider itself a tolerant and civilised nation.  
Charlie Kegworth, by email

## Most of us applaud the smoking ban

For goodness sake, when will smokers realise that the ban on smoking inside is widely accepted and applauded by so many that the invention of 'smokeless cigarettes' are just pointless.

It is surely not the biggest imposition in the world to pop outside for a cigarette for five minutes before coming back in? And given most pubs have invested heavily in sheltered areas outside, at this time of year it's nicer being there than inside.

Those who continue to smoke know the ultimate answer; and that's just to give up.

Mrs O Potter  
By email

## ECB must address funding anomaly

Is there not a fundamental problem in the game of cricket at the moment that a club can make half the amount of money for reaching a Lord's final, than for one Twenty20 match at their home ground?

I know Twenty20 is the flavour of the month, but Lord's finals are always sell-outs and with a much larger capacity than, say, the St Lawrence, it doesn't seem to make any sense.

There is so much talk at the

moment of how much money is being invested in the game, but it seems the vast bulk of it is going to the very few players and big clubs, and not to those sides whose efforts and supporters have stuck by the game for decades.

Is it not time the ECB start to address the issue?

Jill Ernest  
By email

## Online rainforest will help environment

I hope you'll forgive me writing out of the blue, but it has been my impression lately that in all the (perfectly justified) interest in alternative power, recycling and eco-living, many people have overlooked one of the most effective things we can do for the environment.

The continued cutting down of the great rainforests releases more CO2 than all of the world's planes, trains and automobiles combined.

Admirable as the individual actions we might take at home with light bulbs and cars may be, uniting to stop deforestation is one of the best ways to reverse climate change. I'm very proud to be a part of the Rainforest Foundation UK's new initiative Hot and Bothered, which is reminding people of these simple and devastatingly important facts.

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Stephen Fry  
By email

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## Hives of entertainment

### Great bands save festival with their animal magic

BY SIMON ROBINSON

LET us reflect on the positives of Zoo8. (Feel free to count the number of painful, animal-related puns shoe-horned in below).

The whole weekend was anything but a roaring success (here we go), but all was not entirely lost.

Festival-goers went wild for the likes of The Hives, British Sea Power, Hadouken, The Cribs and Ash, who all put in great performances on the main stage.

Music lovers also stampeded to the festival's number one stage to watch producer extraordinaire Mark Ronson bring the opening day's proceedings to a close.

He was okay – but I can't see what all the fuss is about. After all, his set consisted of covers of covers of hit singles.

So the Zutons' hit single Valerie, covered superbly by Ronson/Winehouse was played live by Ronson/little-known guest vocalist.

Hardly elephant-astic.

Minor quibble aside, Ronson and all the other artists who performed at Zoo8 were largely well-received by the 12,000-strong crowd.

Lethal Bizzle deserves particular praise for



**GREAT:** Ash and Hadouken were among the acts who performed on the main stage at the Zoo8 festival



filling in for Dizzee Rascal. The carnivorous crowd were baying for blood at the beginning of his stand-in set, but were quickly converted and seemed to really enjoy his high-energy performance.

The dance tent was also a hit and arguably the most successful stage during the three-day event, with lots of monkeying about going on around the clock.

The festival also gave the cream of Kent's emerging talent a chance to reach a new audience, something which should not be overlooked.

And, of course, the proximity to the zoo was a real bonus, with a half-price entry deal running throughout the week, it wasn't too deer.

Port Lympne Wild Animal Park is one of the county's best tourist attractions, housing thousands of animals from majestic rhinos, tigers and elephants to hyperactive monkeys, bush dogs and wolves.

The park was only a ten-minute walk from the festival site and gave Zoo8 ticket holders an alternative to just lion around before the day's music began.

Yes, there were many, many problems with the festival.

But with the apologetic promoters promising to rectify them at Zoo9, perhaps a leopard can change his spots? (Apologies for the puns).

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# Centering on a healthier community

### Leisure centres

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Leisure Limited on behalf of Swale council.

Both have fully equipped gymnasiums, air-conditioned studios with up to 47 classes a week ranging from tums and bums, bodypump to aqua aerobics and 25 metre swimming pools. Swallows also has waves and a flume.

They also have many activi-

ties for children ranging from fun water inflatable sessions, to football and fencing, birthday parties and well known Nitewave events.

The Swimlife swimming programme is available for both adults and children and currently there are places available for the swimming lessons. With the time of year, the

Isospa gym memberships are proving to be very popular in helping people shape up for their holidays, and memberships do not have the traditional 12-month tie-in agreement as the centres believe their customers should be given a choice. A refreshing change.

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Always start your plan with a positive mental attitude, as your mind is the greatest influence to your success.

#### Swallows Leisure Centre

Drink plenty of water to ensure you keep well hydrated; water cleanses the body and

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**yourswaleleisure****Summer of jazz will be orange****LEGENDS:** Stan Tracey, the godfather of British jazz, will perform at the Gulbenkian Theatre, while Sid Bailey (inset) will make music with son Sam

THE Orange Street Summer of Jazz Festival will open with a flourish when it welcomes the legendary Stan Tracey.

Widely acknowledged as 'the godfather of British jazz', Tracey's career has spanned six decades and he is considered to be a hugely influential musician. He has influenced and stimulated not only his contemporaries, but every generation with which he has worked.

He is a prolific composer, having written 20 commissions and 40 of his own albums, and he is renowned for combining the percussive melody of Thelonious Monk with the robust lyricism of Duke Ellington.

Adding his idiosyncratic style, he has created exceptional music throughout his career. Tracey has been appointed a CBE and has also won the BBC Radio Jazz Award for Lifetime Achievement.

He returns to Canterbury following his sell-out concert last year. You can

see him give a trio performance at the Gulbenkian Theatre at 7.45pm on Thursday, July 24. Tickets cost £16/£14. To book, phone the box office on 01227 769075, or visit [www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk](http://www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk).

The line-up of jazz acts continues at Orange Street Music Venue, where highlights will include experimental four-piece Outhouse on Friday, July 25; vocalist Gwyneth Herbert on Saturday, July 26; local pianists the David Rees-Williams Trio on Sunday, July 27; and piano and acoustic guitar duo Westcott & Rodway on Thursday, July 31.

There will be a family feeling to the festival when Sam and Sid Bailey make their contributions. On Monday, July 28, pianist Sam will perform as part of The Quartet, along with Jack Hughs on guitar, Tom Mason on double bass and Dave Smith on drums, while his father Sid will appear with the Sid Bailey Tailgate Six on Friday, August 1.

The six musicians have spent a life-

time playing jazz with New Orleans spice and the group includes JJ Vinton, who was George Melly's pianist for 11 years.

Orange Street is offering a special 'father and son' deal for these two concerts – take your father along and see both gigs for just £15 per person.

And you can discover what jazz mixed with heavy metal sounds like when Led Bib takes to the stage, while Huw Warren, winner of the BBC Innovation in Jazz Award, combines folk, jazz and classical influences in his piano compositions.

The festival will close with Canterbury's most famous jazzman Tony Coe playing with an all-star quartet on Saturday, August 9.

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Shepherd Neame will get the proceedings started with the Local Beer and Food Evening on Friday. Following a brewery tour and tutored tasting session, visitors can enjoy a four-course meal accompanied by specially selected beers. Tickets cost £34.95, to book call 01795 542285.

On Saturday, Faversham's street market will be filled with the best wares from growers and producers, while Brogdale Farm will host a Cherry and Strawberry Delight celebration all weekend. The event will include live music, demonstrations, fruit tasting, a sheepdog display with geese and much more.

For the first time Brogdale has teamed up with Shepherd Neame to produce a festival ale, Cherry Beer, while Macknade Fine Foods will be offering tastings of foods from near and far.

Find out more at [www.faversham.org](http://www.faversham.org).



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Saturday, July 19  
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The Hamsters mostly play their own material but they are also renowned for their



interpretations of the music of Jimi Hendrix and ZZ Top. Members have performed with greats such as Eric Clapton, Alison Moyet, Doctor Feelgood, Walter Trout and Alexis Korner. They have also

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### MARK WATSON

Friday, July 25  
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**LOVABLE** whirlwind Mark Watson will be previewing his new Edinburgh show for a lucky audience next week.

Fans can enjoy the one-hour preview of his latest show, All The Thoughts I've Had Since I Was Born, as he prepares for the annual fringe festival.

A Cambridge graduate from Bristol who pretends to be Welsh on stage, the award-winning comic has built a loveable persona which has gone down a storm with audiences. He has become an Edinburgh Festival institution after staging marathon 24-hour and 36-hour comedy gigs there.

Many television viewers will be familiar with Watson thanks to frequent appearances on the BBC panel show Mock The Week, in which he battles with other comedians to make the best satirical gags. He has also had his own Radio 4 series and is a former member of the Cambridge Footlights.

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The independent comedy DVD company was formed by Ross Noble's former manager and producer Colin Dench. Long's stand-up show, *Trying Is Good*, will be released, alongside Stewart Lee's 41st Best Stand-Up Ever. Both comics enjoyed successful tours including Kent dates earlier this year.

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## YOUR TV REVIEW

**BACK TO YOU**  
More 4, 9.35pm, Wednesday  
**MY FAMILY**  
BBC One, 8pm, Wednesday

■ BY TOM BETTS

IN the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

On the second day God said: "Let there be Cheers," and he saw Cheers, and he saw that it was good.

On the third day, God created Fraiser and he saw that it too was good.

On the fourth day he said: "Let there be Back to You," – and that's where it all went horribly wrong.

It's not that this latest American sitcom is awful or that it doesn't occasionally raise a titter, but that it's almost an exact replica of its predecessor – just with a few nips and tucks.

Kelsey Grammar's last big project may have been a bonafide TV classic where he demonstrated that he was one of the few genuinely interesting TV actors left, but the whiff of laziness hangs over this like smog over the Olympic stadium.

It's a real disappointment that instead of moving on as he appeared to be doing (he played the bright blue, muscle-bound Thing in X Men 3 for those who didn't know) it's frustrating to see he has decided to plough the same furrow as a bumbling, middle-aged, unlucky-in-love male once again. You wonder why they would bother to remake a show that has only been off the air a few seasons, when they could have simply stretched out the original a little longer if need be.

If you never saw Fraiser then this could work for you, but it's still a drop in quality and I'd leave well alone if you were a fan of the shrink's antics and would rather not tarnish the memory.

I've never quite understood the pub-



**OLD JOKES:** Kelsey Grammar (right) seems to have made an error with More 4's Back to You

lic's fascination with My Family. I could more easily understand a fascination with my family, but no, not My Family.

I don't know anyone who tunes in, or will admit to it, yet it's a massive ratings hit for the BBC. Clearly some of you out there do like it.

Under the canned laughter though, I've always wondered where the jokes are hiding.

As the show simply isn't amusing I guess the appeal is that, in general, this overly silly, suburban nightmare is a closer representation of a typical family than those portrayed by say, EastEnders and picks up viewers who take comfort in that.

Not the heartiest recommendation for a comedy to compare it to a soap opera, but I really have laughed harder at Pauline Fowler's cardigans.

## YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



**AQUARIUS** (Jan 21-Feb 19)  
**GETTING** help from a friend, lover or colleague is will be invaluable. If you keep turning this person away, your relationship will fall apart at the seams. You need to learn how to become more open. If that means relinquishing some of your independence, so be it.  
To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762

**TAURUS** (Apr 21-May 21)  
**YOU** finally have the money to buy something for your home. Refuse to feel guilty about indulging your love of luxury. You're long overdue for a treat. Making more time for simple pleasures like gardening and craftwork will put you in touch with similarly creative people.  
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**LEO** (Jul 24-Aug 23)  
**THIS** week highlights your wit, charm, and grace. Now is the time to ask for that special favour. Trust your instincts with regard to a finance. It will require lots of effort on your part, but the long-term rewards will be worth it. A difficult work situation could come to an end.  
To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Leo** 09067-531756

**SCORPIO** (Oct 24-Nov 22)  
**YOU** know just what to do and say to win favour with the public. This is an excellent time to go on job interviews and auditions. Your extensive knowledge wins you points with an important committee. News about a business matter could open up exciting doors.  
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**PISCES** (Feb 20-Mar 20)  
**WORK** becomes a lot more pleasant this week. Maybe you'll be given a plum assignment. It's even possible an unpleasant colleague will change jobs. You should take time to celebrate. Worrying less about your job gives you more time for the people and activities you love.  
To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Pisces** 09067-531763

**GEMINI** (May 22-Jun 22)  
**TAKING** a short trip for pleasure could give you valuable perspective. Stop spending your precious time on thankless duties that make you miserable. A moneymaking idea allows you to spend more time with your family. It also gives you the freedom of working for yourself.  
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**VIRGO** (Aug 24-Sep 23)  
**SPENDING** time on your own helps recharge your spiritual batteries. Friends give you positive feedback about a personal decision. Having their support will make all the difference to your ultimate success. You could even get help from an unexpected source.  
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**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov 23-Dec 21)  
**GOING** on a trip could be in the cards. You've been longing to expand your horizons. Be sure to visit a city with an element of glamour to it. If you're single, you could meet someone special on this journey. The two of you will feel an instant physical attraction.  
To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Sagittarius** 09067-531760

**ARIES** (Mar 21-Apr 20)  
**THIS** week opens an extended period of fun, romance and adventure. Enjoy this phase to the fullest. It will be much easier to strike a healthy balance between your personal and professional lives. A sudden revelation could help you come to terms with a long-held grudge.  
To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aries** 09067-531752

**CANCER** (Jun 23-Jul 23)  
**MONEY** becomes more readily available for creature comforts. The happiness these possessions bring will be worth the investment. Learning a valuable skill makes you more confident. A dynamic instructor helps you soak up information like a sponge. They think you have talent.  
To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Cancer** 09067-531755

**LIBRA** (Sep 24-Oct 23)  
**BEAUTIFYING** a public space will be a good use of your time. You're greatly attuned to your surroundings. You may be surprised to learn how many people share your disgust and will work to improve things. Favourable publicity could come as a result of these efforts.  
To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Libra** 09067-531758

**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22-Jan 20)  
**BECOMING** intimate with a love interest will prove a welcome distraction. It's a relief to be able to let down your defences. The more honest you are, the stronger your relationship will become. It's especially important to discuss taboo subjects, like religion, sex, and prejudices.  
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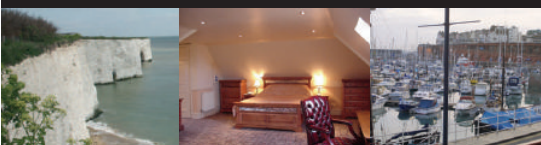
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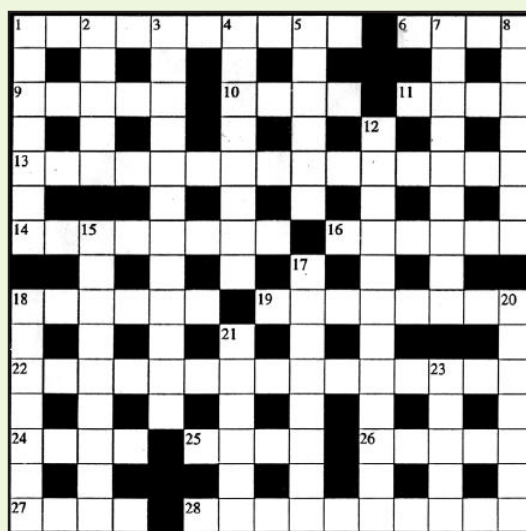
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- 1 Dish varied by cook (5,5)
- 6 Is removed from discus strangely that will move swiftly in the wind (4)
- 9 Record book (5)
- 10 Loud performance in reality (4)
- 11 Some dreamboat in pulp! (4)
- 13 In following as a result of it being trivial (15)
- 14 Denial that it's brat playing with lute (8)
- 16 Miniature fly appears before time (6)
- 18 Medicine for head zookeeper on account (6)
- 19 Negligent not having a concern (8)
- 22 It is something credit customer cannot have (8,3,4)
- 24 Man I name taking Virginia inside (4)
- 25 Reckless little wife removed lid (4)
- 26 A few need space to make revving up noise (5)
- 27 Gold-coloured security (4)
- 28 Merry boy on board (5,5)

#### DOWN

- 1 More pithy but of less interest to a vegetarian? (7)
- 2 Appallingly execrable earl leaves boat! (5)
- 3 Teacher in show business? (12)
- 4 Rob fellow soldier (8)
- 5 Hair-raising in prison? (4-2)
- 7 Arriving about midday initially with the Parisian mix (9)
- 8 Small amount of liquid allowed to fall first (7)
- 12 Is one trained on the job? (6-6)
- 15 Reserve seat at market perhaps (9)
- 17 Daughter laid off extraordinary bloomer (8)
- 18 Penny putting in ingredients for stuffing (7)
- 20 Some kirsch emerged for planner (7)
- 21 Violet Jones accommodates duke (6)
- 23 A desire to be in company (5)

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### QUICK CLUES

#### ACROSS

- 1 Stilton egg (4-6)
- 6 Leer (4)
- 9 Sorrowfully (5)
- 10 Impel (4)
- 11 Jape (4)
- 13 Debut (5,10)
- 14 More probable (8)
- 16 Call for repetition (6)
- 18 Clannish (6)
- 19 Eastern US state (8)
- 22 Large church in Devon (6,9)
- 24 IOW resort (4)
- 25 Face-covering (4)
- 26 Soaked (5)
- 27 Come across (4)

#### DOWN

- 1 Shy (7)
- 2 Mammary gland (5)
- 3 Fortune-teller (7-5)
- 4 Supplied (8)
- 5 Tinges (anag.) (6)
- 7 Raw youth (9)
- 8 Drastic (7)
- 12 Sinner (12)
- 15 Critical point (5-4)
- 17 In error (8)
- 18 Proposition (7)
- 20 Calmed (7)
- 21 Book size (6)
- 23 Stiff (5)

## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

### SUDOKU SOLUTIONS No44

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### CRYPTIC SOLUTION No44

ACROSS: 1 Zaire 4 Lakeside 8 Left on the shelf 10 Idealised 11 Brest 12 Nail 13 Heirloom 17 Jingoism 18 Weak 22 Let-up 24 Lacquered 25 Joker in the pack 26 Ancestry 27 Try-on. DOWN: 1 Zillion 2 Inflection 3 Etoile 4 Latest 5 Knee-deep 6 Schubert 7 Delve 9 Stum 14 Oven-ready 15 Codpiece 16 Psalmist 17 Jolt 19 Kidskin 20 Scatty 21 Lucent 23 Thorn.

### QUICK SOLUTION No45

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### FANCY GOING DUTCH?

I'm a tall, blonde half-Dutch woman, 27, love swimming, power-walking and music, festivals! Looking for a lovely man with GSOH, for something special! Box 893230

### UP FOR LOVE?

Attractive female, very bubbly, 29, 5'4", short hair, blue eyes, up for anything, seeking male 25-45, caring with good personality, kids welcome, for love, Box 442142

### TAKE ME OUT

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### PILLION DOLLAR BABE!

Slim lady, 31, shoulder-length dark hair, hazel eyes, loves having fun and meeting new people. Mark, the pub owner, please call and leave contact details! Box 433131

### CUDDLY FEMALE

32, 5'6", brown hair, curly, enjoys having fun and a laugh, and WLTW nice, kind gent. Box 439402

### EQUESTRIAN OF SPOT!

Caring, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5'2", blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013

### CANTERBURY TALE

Single mum of 2, 32, WLTW someone kind, caring and considerate, for nights in and cinema. Ryan from Whitstable, please call again, leave contact details! Box 406670

### SENSUAL HEALING?

I'm a social, caring and sensual woman, 33, who enjoys having fun, conversation, arts, music and eating out, seeking a like-minded, upbeat man. Box 899177

### JAZZ FUSION

Single girl, hardworking, kind and caring, 32, brown hair/eyes, nice smile, looking to meet similar for let's see how it goes. Box 901072

### IN THE COUNTRY

Are you the one? I'm 33, single, 5'12", pure country lass from farming background, seeking my lovely country man to make me forever happy. Box 892295

### FUN-LOVING FEMALE

Attractive, 31, 5'4", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, WLTW intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells. Box 308734

### SIMPLY IRRESISTIBLE

Bubbly, genuine, honest, caring Mum of 1, 34, dark hair, blue eyes, loves nights in/out, seeking male, 30-40, with GSOH, for love and all. Box 437041

### ANIMAL MAGIC!

Single, kind, caring animal lover, 34, from Kent, likes cooking, cinema, theatre, most music, seeks non-smoking male, 34-38, for LTR. Box 440782

### R U THE 1?

Outgoing, funny, young-looking female, 34, 5'10", brown hair/eyes, Tonbridge, seeks caring, loyal male for friendship, leading to more. Box 433107

### HISTORIC MEETING?

Mum of three, 36, long mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440693

### ROMANCE IS ALIVE

Divorced, lively mum, 35, GSOH, I enjoy time with my family and friends, cinema, good food, beach walks, seeks male for honesty, love and romance. Box 813930

### MEND A BROKEN HEART

Single mum of three, 37, fun-loving, great to be around, been hurt in the past, heart has been broken and needs mending. Box 908053

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### ATTRACTION & SATISFACTION

Hard-working independent female, 41, dark brown hair, brown eyes, GSOH, likes cinema, eating in/out, seeking similar male with no issues for friendship... Box 442205

### COULD IT BE YOU?

Hi I'm 44, slim, 5'10", a redhead, love nights out, socialising, looking for friendship initially and hopefully more later on. Box 898900

### BLACK MAGIC

Loving black female, 49yr old, slim build, enjoys cooking, dancing and socialising, WLTW a gentle man for a romantic relationship. Box 441639

### LOTS OF LOVE TO GIVE

Bubbly, voluptuous, very warm-hearted, tactile woman, 49, looking for that special someone to share cuddles, romantic evening in/out, possible LTR. Box 440879

### PET ME

Sincere caring female, 50, 5'12", likes gardening, animals, outdoors, socialising, seeking similar non-smoker with GSOH for friendship, relationship. Box 441981

### HOW MANY BOXES CAN YOU TICK?

Young-at-heart, honest, caring female, 50, 5'10", dark brown hair, slim-medium build, enjoys going out, the countryside, sessie, seeking similar reliable male for friendship/more. Box 442126

### JUST IMAGINE

Petite, bubbly, friendly, easygoing single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things, WLTW genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 893562

### CARING & PROFESSIONAL

49, 5'10", long hair, slim build, likes eating out, the beach, travel, seeks a friendly chap, 48-55. Box 417100

### LONELINESS NO MORE!

Maxine, 51, an Arnes, very loving, romantic, have grown-up children, love walks, socialising, seeking similar aged male who wants to stop being alone! Box 440774

### LOVING LADY...

53, fit and healthy, single now for nine years and can't find the right man! If you enjoy sports and live music let's chat! Box 923309

### LOVING & HAPPY-GO-LUCKY

Judi, caring female, 51, 5'3", brown hair, hazel eyes, own business, WLTW nice, tall, good looking for laughter, life and love. Box 926614

### COAST AND COUNTRY

Hi, I'm a kind female, 52, slim, 5'10", dark hair, I like music, dancing, reading, coast, countryside. Seeking kind, genuine man, 45-60, for LTR. Box 430032

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## It's Scilly to travel any further

BY GARY WRIGHT

IT may be a cliché, but as I gazed toward the sprinkling of tiny islands across the mauve waters reflecting the sunlight of the bay, I really could have been anywhere in the world.

Yet I was just 28 miles off the coast of mainland Britain, standing under a palm tree on one of the isle of Tresco's amazing beaches.

Tresco is arguably the prettiest of the archipelago that is the Isles of Scilly. But this idyllic location remains something of a secret; there are those 'in the know', the lucky few who have visited and come back year after year. And then there are the rest of us, who would perhaps struggle to point to the isles on a map.

The 2,000 residents – most of whom live on the main island of St Mary's – will happily tell you about the Gulf Stream that ensures higher temperatures and frost-free winters.

They might also mention their average wage is well under the rest of the UK and they might even moan, if light-heartedly, that the whole area is part of the Duchy of Cornwall and allows Prince Charles to rake in millions each year.

So, arguably, this is feudal Britain... but with a twist. Because they all love living there.

What they forget to mention, but it strikes any visitor immediately, is the lifestyle from another century. Everyone says 'good morning' and people really do leave their doors unlocked at night. No one can remember the last serious crime on the isles.

There is an air of innocence about the place,



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almost quaint, but it is sincere, unlike so many picturesque destinations.

But while Bryher is a walkers' paradise, with its granite hillsides, quartz-sprinkled beaches and dramatic views over the Atlantic breakers, do not think survival is basic.

Bryher's Hell Bay Hotel proves it's a luxury holiday location, too. Alongside some of the best service I've ever sampled in the UK, its cuisine is top-notch (sort of nouvelle British) and the wine list will please everyone.

Rooms are magnificent. Decorated in a simple New England style – pastel colours and plenty of wood – my balcony looked out to sea... next stop really was New York.

Its sister establishment on Tresco is The Island Hotel, a five-minute boat ride followed by tractor bus. Once again service was exceptional, but there was a more refined air – most people

dressed for dinner – compared with the newer Bryher upstart.

It is a regular in Britain's top 50 hotels and would be a winner in my book even if it were a potting shed, simply for its location. As I enjoyed a divine meal gazing across Long Point to Foreman's Island while the sun turned the sky red, I truly felt Scilly was unbeatable.

Tresco is the island of choice for many holiday-makers with its beaches, country walks, spectacular botanical gardens and lifestyle.

And the Flying Boat Club, with its restaurant bar, pool and spa, offers all the facilities of a first-class hotel for people staying in the club's beach houses and cottages.

So why are you flying halfway around the world for island isolation, spectacular scenery, exceptional service and escape from the crush of other holidaymakers?

### FACT FILE

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Airplane: Skybus from Southampton, Bristol, Exeter, Newquay and Land's End to St Mary's, six days a week. Prices from £109 to £309 return. Details flights and ferry: [www.ios-travel.co.uk](http://www.ios-travel.co.uk), or phone 0845 710 5555.

Helicopter: British International. Fly from Penzance Helipad to St Mary's, six days a week. Prices from £112 to £160 return. Details of helicopter, visit [www.islesofscillyhelicopter.com](http://www.islesofscillyhelicopter.com), or phone 01736 363871.

Gary Wright was a guest at both the Hell Bay Hotel on Bryher (from £130 to £300 per person, including breakfast dinner and VAT) and The Island Hotel on Tresco (from £130 to £360 per person, including breakfast, dinner and VAT). For details, visit [www.hellbay.co.uk](http://www.hellbay.co.uk) and [www.islandhotel.co.uk](http://www.islandhotel.co.uk).

For timeshare options on Tresco with three-year advance rent and guaranteed cash-back and buy-back, see [www.tresco.co.uk](http://www.tresco.co.uk), or phone Tresco Estates on 01720 422849.

Boat travel between islands varies from £3 up, but hotels can advise and organise travel between islands.



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A 21st-century American teenager takes a spellbinding, dangerous journey into martial arts legend in this new action/adventure epic. Shot on location in China, it marks the historic first onscreen pairing of martial arts superstars Jackie Chan and Jet Li and the awe-inspiring choreography of Wo Ping (Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon).

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Growing up in a culture dictated by violence, teenagers Acerola and Laranjinha have become close. With their 18th birthdays fast approaching, Laranjinha sets out to find the father he never met, while Acerola struggles to raise his own young son. But they suddenly find themselves on opposite sides of a violent gang war.

# That spandex moment

BY KATE WHITING

MERYL Streep is best known for her serious roles in films like *Out Of Africa*, so it's really quite hard to imagine her as a flamboyant Lycra-clad blonde, belting out Super Trouper and other camp Abba numbers.

But this is exactly the surprising transformation the two-time Oscar-winner has undergone for one of this summer's brightest blockbusters – the film adaptation of the hit musical *Mamma Mia!*

When we meet at an elegant hotel in London, Streep is looking her usual demure self – but she's mischievous and keen to dispel the idea that she's out of place in musicals.

"My first Broadway show was a musical and then I'd done a lot of musicals in high school, so it was like coming home to a thing that I always loved doing," she says.

"I haven't done many because I haven't done much stage, even though I wanted to, in a long time... and people are afraid to make musicals into movies."

Streep heads an impressive cast-list as Donna, a hippy mum running a guest house on a Greek island whose only daughter Sophie (Amanda Seyfried) is about to get married.

Unknown to Donna, Sophie has pinched her mum's diary from the year she was born and has invited her three potential fathers (played by Pierce Brosnan, Colin Firth and Stellan Skarsgård) to her wedding, although her mum hasn't seen them in 20 years.

Cue much mayhem in the sweltering heat as Sophie tries to



ORIGINAL: Meryl Streep loved performing in her first movie musical *Mamma Mia!*

work out which man is her dad and Donna tries to chase them off the island – all set to various Abba classics.

One of the funniest, and most surreal, moments comes during Sophie's hen party, when Donna and her best friends (played by Julie Walters and Christine Baranski) squeeze into their plat-

form boots and colourful flares to perform one more time as 1970s band Donna And The Dynamites.

Streep, who recently turned 59 but doesn't look anywhere near it, fell in love with *Mamma Mia!* long before she was singled out to play Donna after watching it on Broadway in 2001.

"I took my ten-year-old and her

birthday party right after it had opened. It was right after September 11 and everyone was feeling really low and I thought 'What am I going to do with all these kids?', she says.

"I saw an ad in the New York Times and it said 'new British musical' and something about 'buoyant fun' and I thought 'Boy! I'm there'."

"I took the kids and we were all dancing in the aisles and down the street. I bought the album and sang the songs for two years."

The actress, who has four children with her husband of almost 30 years Don Gummer, admits she was apprehensive about her now grown-up offspring seeing their mum in psychedelic 1970s gear for some of the big retro dance numbers.

"I was nervous, but then I showed them all the stills and they've already had their mortification moment about me wearing spandex."

"We have to get over this," she says with a laugh. "I can't wait for them to see it. It's as if we've all done it for our daughters."

"My son will be appalled, but I think he'll actually like it because he's a musician and he'll get a kick out of it."

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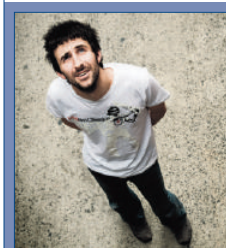
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## PROPERTY NEWS

### Cooperation could help house market

THE Home Builders Federation wants the Government to do more to help provide affordable homes to buyers across the UK.

Executive chairman Stewart Baseley said any moves in this direction would go some way to boosting the country's property market and provide greater confidence for both sellers and buyers.

He said that it was only the private sector which could help in this area by delivering homes which were at the right price for those looking to buy and ministers should ensure that they work as closely as possible with developers to assist them in any way possible.

"This will bring much needed confidence to the market," said Mr Baseley.

Housing minister Caroline Flint has unveiled moves in this direction with £270 million released through the Housing Corporation to build new homes.

The federation called this "a step in the right direction" but added more needs to be done.

Government targets for new homes include a total of 240,000 to be built across the UK each year by 2016.

### Stable interest rate predicted by analyst

INTEREST rates in the UK will remain on hold at five per cent until the end of this year according to a leading economist.

Ross Walker of the Royal Bank of Scotland said the trend of rising inflation rates and a weakening economy will keep rates stable for the next five months at least.

He said in reference to decision making in today's economic climate: "The Monetary Policy Committee is stuck like the proverbial rabbit in the headlights."

But he added he felt there would be movement next year, most likely in the first quarter.

The Bank of England, which oversees interest rates in the UK, is looking at how best to combat the credit crunch which has combined with high oil prices and increased food prices to cause the economic downturn.

The final decision on interest rates is the responsibility of the bank's Monetary Policy Committee which agreed last week to hold rates at five per cent.



USEFUL PROJECT: Empty buildings are being renovated as housing – the initiative is so successful in east Kent that other district councils are joining the initiative

# New homes from old

## Scheme has seen almost 500 properties brought back to use

■ BY NICK AMES

A PLAN which is helping to create new homes across the county by bringing long-term empty properties back into use has exceeded its delivery target.

Following a pioneering programme it has spread countywide and is aimed at renovating derelict properties – which are both useless and an eyesore.

Launched in 2005, No Use Empty – the Kent Empty Property Initiative started as a partnership between Kent

County Council and East Kent coastal authorities including Dover, Shepway and Thanet.

Research had earlier revealed they had a large number of empty homes.

New figures just released reveal that in the past three years, almost 500 properties have been brought back into use as new, good quality homes and the remaining district councils from across the county have joined the initiative.

The initial three-year target for the number of empty properties to be returned to use was 372, and this figure has been surpassed by more than 30 per cent, with a total of 487 vacant properties given a new lease of life and turned into a home.

Roger Gough, cabinet member for regeneration at KCC, said: "Empty houses are a scourge on our local communities, preventing investment and regeneration, devaluing surrounding properties, attracting anti-social behaviour and depriving people of a much-needed home."

"In teaming up with local authorities from across the county, Kent has tackled this issue head-on, delivering outstanding results which prove this initiative is an effective and efficient approach to tackling empty housing."

"This success is a great testimony to the hard work and dedication of the No Use Empty project team, but especially the empty property officers from across the

local district councils.

"The initiative has been widely praised across the UK as a unique partnership between county and local councils and is a blueprint for other councils in the country to follow."

David Ireland, chief executive of the Empty Homes Agency, said: "No Use Empty has more than lived up to its early promise."

"Not only have the councils performed well, but the initiative has had a catalytic effect encouraging others to bring empty homes back into use."

"The numbers of empty homes in east Kent has dropped significantly over the past three years. We think that Kent has created a fantastic model that other parts of the country should follow."

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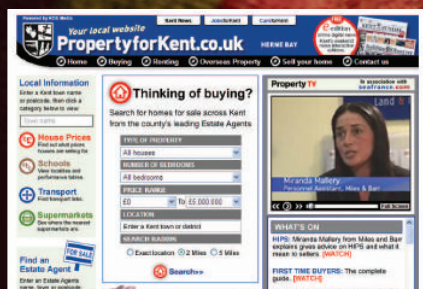
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## MOTORS NEWS



### Greenest Fiesta comes with go-faster stripes

FORD will use next week's British International Motor Show at Excel, London (July 23-August 3) as the launch pad for an all-new and even more pivotal Fiesta model.

The original car was launched in 1976 and the latest generation will feature some of the greenest ever versions of the long-running hatchback.

Ironically, for these tough motoring times though, it will be one of the raciest looking Fiestas ever.

It goes on sale in October in both three and five-door forms.



### Twingo's sporty twist ready for September

RENAULT'S new Twingo may have been upstaged by the arrival of the Fiat 500, but dealers are taking orders for September delivery of this sporting flagship wearing charismatic 'Renaultsport' performance branding.

The £11,550 Twingo Renaultsport 133 has a 1.6-litre petrol engine, with standard kit including Renaultsport tuned chassis plus electronic stability control, 16-inch alloys and a suitably sporty interior with Renaultsport front seats and orange seatbelts. Renault might yet add a turbocharger to create an ultimate model later on, though.



### New eco-friendly 4x4 is Audi's posh creation

AUDI will slot a smaller SUV into its line-up later this year.

The Q5 will sit below the big Q7 and should be a leisure 4x4 more suited to straitened times, while offering a prestige badge and style.

The German executive marque claims the newcomer combines the poise of a sports saloon with the flexibility of a performance SUV (sports utility vehicle) and will be suitable for all seasons and all surfaces.

Prices are expected to start at £30,000.



**DREAM MACHINE:** It may be some time before residual values of the Alfa Romeo 159 Sportwagon can match those of German rivals, but there is hope where none existed before

# Alfa striking right chord with this classy number

IS the Alfa Romeo 159 Sportwagon the ultimate estate car for style?

Based on the gorgeous-looking saloon, this 'liftback' model just oozes class, from the distinctive 'shield' grille and flanking array of lamps to the sharply cut short overhang back end.

Of course, like most so-called 'lifestyle estates' it isn't the ultimate load carrier space-wise, but the marriage of extra practicality with looks is hard to beat.

Omens are also good for the lifetime of this handsome lifestyle wagon; after several much heralded new, but eventually false dawns on the durability front, this latest Alfa family model seems to wear well.

Okay, it might be some time before residual values match German rivals, but there is hope where none existed before.

As always with an Alfa it is also easy to silence nagging doubts inside the head by pulling on the heart strings as you fire up the engine and head for the open road, especially when the model in question is the £27,850 flagship 159 2.4-litre diesel Sportwagon in Lusso spec with all-wheel drive, as tested here.

## ROAD TEST ALFA ROMEO 159

BY STEVE LOADER

### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

This is an Audi Quattro Avant with Italian style and flair and, based on experience with more humdrum 159 models, this is where you want to be if you can afford it.

Well-designed leather upholstery and extra toys suit the thoroughbred class of the Italian headturner.

The engine can be gruff, but 210bhp and ample low down torque can be applied beautifully via the Q4 system – Alfa's trade name for its 'quattro' equivalent.

The result is a taut driver's car without ride discomfort – a sporting estate with everyday family appeal.

Even the interior has sufficient style without the silly attempts at individualism that have marred Alfas of the past.

There is also decent head and legroom in the back plus clever stowage in the boot even if the six-CD autochanger is to be found there rather than in the dashboard.

Yes, the 159 range (from £18,550) is a milestone for the Italian brand – a buyer's head and heart can be in harmony at last on this classy number.

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AS more people downsize their car and their fuel and road tax bills, chances are that one or all of the following popular used superminis will be on their shopping list. Year in, year out they are the UK's most consistent best-sellers – a trend expected to become even firmer in the current economic climate. A word of warning though; as second-hand prices harden, make sure you don't pay more than it would cost to keep your old car longer or even make you think about a new car.

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#### FORD FIESTA



FORD'S hugely successful supermini marches on with a new model at the end of this summer, but don't expect a weakening in used prices; the credit crunch, rising fuel prices and draconian road taxes have made the Fiesta a top target for its reliability, decent driving experience, engines to suit all pockets and three and five-door body styles. Ford has also regularly produced special and limited editions laden with extra goodies, offering plenty more choice – at a price.

##### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

#### VAUXHALL CORSA



VAUXHALL'S Corsa was created to attack the Ford Fiesta head on, yet has never quite achieved the volumes of its rival. Nevertheless, it offers the same virtues, plus a greater range of engines including a punchy and frugal, if a little buzzy, three-cylinder petrol engine now in greater demand due to these straitened times. Several generations of Corsa followed a 'teardrop' body style, but the latest car is bigger and more aggressively sculpted – almost a 'supersize supermini'.

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#### RENAULT CLIO



DOWNSIZING can be sensible and chic with the Clio and the most recent generations have married durability and driving fun with Gallic charm. Again, the option of three or five doors is a big selling point, but our French contender also has the bonus of excellent diesel versions, though the cost of the actual fuel versus petrol argues against it currently. The Clio design has tended to be highly practical as well as charming, with good space for rear passengers.

##### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
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## ALFA ROMEO

**SPIDER, 3.2 V6**, g57fly, alloy wheels, anti-lock brakes, climate control, drivers airbag, electric windows, leather interior, metallic paint, passenger airbag, power steering, remote central locking, side airbags, tinted glass, traction control, trip computer, blue, 3000 miles, £24995, Thames Group Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

**146 T**, 5 door, p 1996, a car that will one day become a collectors item, this car is a 2 owner from new with full service history mainly main dealer, it has the 2.0 engine which produces 150bhp, along with a 5 speed manual gearbox, a test drive is welcome as well as any inspection, as is available against this car, red, 94000 miles, £1495, Courtney Cars, Charing, Ashford, 01233 714848 (TRADE)

**147**, JTD 02, g577ge, alloy wheels, anti-lock brakes, climate control, drivers airbag, electric windows, passenger airbag, power steering, remote central locking, side airbags, multifolding rear seat, glass, traction control, trip computer, grey, 14000 miles, £13995, Thames Group Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

## AUDI

**A2, 1.4 SPORT** 5dr, 03/10/2002, cd player, abs alarm driver airbag, power steering immobiliser cruise control electric windows, silver, 58488 miles, £5495, Invicta Motors, Ramsgate, 01843 853555 (TRADE)

**A3, 2.0 TDI** (140 bhp) Sport 3dr, fv53om, alarm, immobiliser, remote central locking, colour coded interior, sports seats, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, power steering, stability control, trip computer, abs, multiple airbags, colour coded body, front fog lamps, metallic paintwork, rear spoiler, rear wash/wipe, electric front windows, electric mirrors, dual climate zones, cd player, alloy wheels, metallic grey, 64000 miles, 19990, AR Cars, Kent, 01342 851122 (TRADE)

**A4, 2.0T FSI** S Line 2dr Multitronic, g060gk, red, 20200 miles, 19994, SMC Mitsubishi Sittingbourne, Sittingbourne, 0844 5762476 (TRADE)

**A4, 2.0 TDI** 5dr, av55fls, abs, air bag, twin air bags, alarm, traction control, climate control, cruise control, electric front windows, electric windows, front fog lamps, alloy wheels, black, 58843 miles, £11999, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

**A4, 1.9tdi** 130 se estate, 2003, blue with grey cloth, 67000 miles, 59950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

**A4, 1.8T** S Line Saloon 4d 1781tc (2004), m04fth, climate control, abs braking system, alloy wheels, remote locking, half leather interior, electric windows & mirrors, alarm / immobiliser, radio / cd, power steering, height adjustable driver's seat, height adjustable steering wheel, front & side airbags, black metallic, 88600 miles, £10995, E-SURED Cars UK, Broadstairs, 0845 6447751 (TRADE)

## BENTLEY

**ARNAGE**, red label auto, 2001, blenheim silver with black leather, 50000 miles, £44950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

## BMW

**318 SE SALOON**, 2002, 02 (02) bmw 318i se (face lift) 4 door saloon, 143 bhp, stunning met grey coachwork with immaculate grey trim, full service history (just serviced) manual gear box, traction control, cruise control, remote central locking, alarm, air, con power seats, ew x 4, electric & folding mirrors, twin air bags, alloy wheels, original cd hi-fi + much more, stunning condition, true luxury at an affordable price, only £7695, metallic grey, 102, 000 miles, £7695, Riviera Car Sales, Folkestone, 01303 244244 (TRADE)

**7 SERIES, 745i AUTO**, 2002, silver met with black nascar leather, 52000 miles, £14950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

## CHEVROLET

**CAPTIVA, LTX 2.0**, gk080w, finished in denim blue with black interior, blue, 4000 miles, £22995, caryns Chevrolet t wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

**KALOS, SX**, g56cty, finished in red with interior, red, 17000 miles, £4749, Caryns Tunbridge Wells Vaushall, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

**MATIZ**, 2005, 3x3 point rear seat belts abs body coloured bumpers central locking cloth seat trim drivers airbag folding rear seats front electric windows front head restraints immobiliser pas passenger airbag radio/cd rear wiper sports seats seat wheels, silver, 14000 miles, £4295, WJ King Vaushall, Swanley, 01322 662890 (TRADE)

**MATIZ**, 1.0SE A1, g570es, finished in ocean blue with black interior, blue, 5000 miles, £7590, caryns Chevrolet t wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

**MATIZ**, SX 0.8, 1160639, finished in ocean blue with black interior, blue, 8000 miles, £5995, caryns Chevrolet t wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

**MATIZ**, SX 1.0, g106vgn, finished in yellow with interior, yellow, 6000 miles, £4995, caryns Chevrolet t wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

**TACUMA**, SX 1.6, g56kcu, finished in blue with black interior, blue, 3000 miles, £6995, caryns Chevrolet t wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

**TACUMA**, CDX Plus auto, iv55 zng, front fog lamps, roof rails, rear headrests, rear wash/wipe, remote central locking, alarm, electric windows, electric mirrors, centre mirror, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, air conditioning, cd player, twin air bags, abs, power steering, cloth upholstery, alloy wheels, black, 24300 miles, £4495, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

**CHRYSLER**

**300C, 5.7V8** auto estate, 2007, brilliant crystal met with dark and light slate gr, 10577 miles, £11950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

**NEON, 2.0 LXL**, 1995 (n), 95 (n) chrysler neon 2.0 automatic, 5 door saloon, metallic green coachwork with contrasting grey velour trim, low mileage, service history, new metal x 4, en, pas, air bags, original hi-fi, only 1 owner from new, 5395, Riviera Car Sales, Folkestone, 01303 244244 (TRADE)

## CITROEN

**CITROEN BERLINGO** 800, 04 2005, 1.9d side door white pas 43 000 miles fish lined, £4350, Beaver Commercial, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

**C1, 1.0i RHYTHM** 5dr, 1.0i rhythm 5dr hatch, gallium grey, 1000 miles, £7995, Masters Citroen, Penze, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

## DAEWOO

**DAEWOO NUBIRA** 4 door saloon, 06 2000, 1.6 p se met July 08, 0 miles, £500, Beaver Commercial, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

**LANOS, 1.4 S Hatchback** 3d 1349cc, w583xlm, new met very clean cheap tax & insurance, green, 33935 miles, £14950, DC Autos, Ashford, 01233 642211 (TRADE)

**TACUMA, CDX** 1986x 5 door, 2002, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels central locking alarm driver's airbag multiple airbags power steering immobiliser electric windows, met blue, 85000 miles, £2495, Northdax Road Motor Company, Margate, 01843 290899 (TRADE)

## DAIHATSU

**CHARADE, 1.0 SL** 5dr Hatchback, 07/2004, a/con alloy wheels electric windows central locking pas, champagne, 11, 000 miles, £3995, Chertlon Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

## FIAT

**FIAT DUCATO** 11 mwb, 11 2005, 2.3 jtd hi top 39 000 miles fish shelved lined one owner driver elec pac, £5495, Beaver Commercial, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

**BRAVO 100 SX**, 2001 "y", a medium sized car with a 1.6 engine, pas c/ock s/hist very reasonably priced, a 3 month warranty is offered on the screen price and we will take your old car in part exchange, a new met test will be included, blue, 75, 000 miles, £1495, Courtney Cars, Charing, Ashford, 01233 714848 (TRADE)

**CINQUECENTO**, m/1994, manual locking manual windows, red, 74, 000 miles, £1195, Chertlon Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

**PANDA**, Dynamic, 2004, yellow, 32817 miles, £3095, Morris Fordwhe, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

**PUNTO**, Active Multijet Ltd, f154dcu, immobiliser, central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, air bag, colour coded body, rear wash/wipe, electric windows, stereo, red, 60000 miles, £3999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

**PUNTO**, Jtd Van, on40vkt, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, abs, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, stereo, grey, 49000 miles, £3499, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

**PUNTO**, 8v 3dr, g5d1to, cloth upholstery, rear wash/wipe, power steering, air bag, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, electric front windows, stereo, silver, 75000 miles, £2699, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

**PUNTO**, Dynamic 3dr, gm03kn, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, air bag, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, electric front windows, stereo, silver, 75000 miles, £2699, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

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**SEDCI**, Eleganza, hy06xnc, air conditioning, alloy wheels, anti-lock brakes, drivers airbag, electric windows, metallic paint, passenger airbag, power steering, remote central locking, side airbags, split/folding rear seats, towbar, trip computer, gold, 9915 miles, £7495, Thames Group Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

## FORD

**FORD CONNECT T200**, 11 2005, 1.8 tdd sub white side door 67 000 miles fish, £4995, Beaver Commercial, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

**ESCORT, 1.8TDI LX**, 1998, insurance group 8 3 owners service history central locking drivers airbag power steering immobiliser, toumalard green, 70000 miles, £1889, A 1 Carriages, Croyford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

**ESCORT, FINESSE** 5dr, x376ge, central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, air bag, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, electric windows, air conditioning, cd player, 15" alloys, blue, 33000 miles, £2499, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

**FIESTA**, Freestyle 16v 3dr, y7bdkn, immobiliser, power steering, central locking, electric windows, air conditioning, air bag, cloth upholstery, head restraints, cd player, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, electric windows, air conditioning, cd player, 15" alloys, blue, 33000 miles, £2499, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

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**JAG**, 3.2 SPORT, 1996 (n), 96 (n) jaguar xj6 3.2 sport auto, metallic sky blue coachwork with cream leather trim, usual Jaguar refinements to include: air conditioning, electric windows, em, cd, multiplayer with additional harman kardon hi-fi pack, tint alloy wheels etc, etc, a luxury car at a bargain price, only £2995, metallic sky blue, 136000 miles, £2995, Riviera Car Sales, Folkestone, 01303 244244 (TRADE)

## JEOP

**GRAND CHEROKEE**, 1997, green, 180000 miles, £2995, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

## KIA

**CARENS, 2.0 CRDI** LS [7 Seat] Diesel, 2007, insurance group 10 abs alarm alloy wheels body coloured bumpers airbag electrodor mirrors electric sunroof folding rear seat front electric windows front fog lights heated rear mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cd rear electric windows remote central locking reverse parking aid roof rails side airbags steering wheel rake adjustment trip computer, pure silver, 13110 miles, £11995, Masters Ply Limited, K. Beckenhurst, 0203 662 6133 (TRADE)

**SEDONA, 1.8 CRDI**, g54 ffn, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, remote central locking, alarm, height adjustable seat, electric front windows, electric mirrors, adjustable steering column, air conditioning, cd player, radio, twin air bags, abs, power steering, cloth upholstery, dual climate zones, red, 43900 miles, £5995, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

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We are looking for an outgoing, self-motivated, committed person with a good knowledge of drug/alcohol issues, who can demonstrate the ability to work creatively and effectively with young offenders. Previous experience of working with young offenders is essential.

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Nacro is the principal crime reduction charity in England and Wales. It works to reduce crime by delivering a range of socially inclusive crime prevention initiatives by working for a fair and effective criminal justice system and by resettling offenders.

Nacro Operations in Kent offer vocational and skills training to young people aged 14-19 years and adult learners and those who wish to improve their literacy and numeracy. Our aim is to motivate, raise self-esteem and increase self confidence through effective training and skills development to progress our learners into education, training or employment.

As our provision extends we are looking for lively, self motivated individuals who enjoy the challenge of working with people of all ages but, in particular, young people.

We have the following vacancies:

## SCHOOLS PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR

£21,984 (inc. Labour Market Uplift)

Our 14-16 year old programmes include Key Stage 4 Engagement Programme (50/50) and Alternative Curriculum programmes for individual schools. Our programme objectives are to develop and encourage vocational and employability skills which enable young people to re-engage and make positive life choices.

We are looking to engage a highly motivated, organised individual who has empathy with this client group. The post holder will be required to co-ordinate the activities and take responsibility for the Nacro 14-16 year old Alternative Curriculum programmes across Kent and Medway. This post will suit someone who has a background in education and who is keen to ensure that all young people receive the education appropriate to their needs.

## KEY SKILLS TRAINER (Maternity Cover)

£17,658 to £19,658 per Annum (inc. Labour Market Uplift)

We work in partnership to deliver our successful Entry to Employment Programme (e2e). This programme is for young people aged 16 - 18 and requires an enthusiastic, lively, Creative individual to join our staff team. You will be experienced in using imaginative new techniques to encourage young people to take opportunities offered to progress them into further education, training or employment. Experience in employer engagement would be desirable.

This position will be subject to an enhanced CRB check

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£17,658 to £19,658 per Annum (inc. Labour Market Uplift)

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## TRAINER (Schools Programmes)

£17,658 to £19,658 (inc. Labour Market Uplift)

We hold the contract to deliver the 50/50 element of the Key Stage 4 Engagement Programme and work in partnership with schools and Local Education Authority to re-engage Key Stage 4 Learners.

You will be experienced in using imaginative new techniques to encourage young people to take up vocational and work related opportunities offered to them through the programme and have an interest in teaching a variety of subjects to young people. Experience of working with challenging behaviour would be an advantage.

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## SWITCH ON PROJECT MANAGER

£24,535 per annum

Nacro has been awarded an ESF contract to deliver a project for 14-16 year olds across Kent and Medway and Sussex. The project (called Switch On) aims to assist young people's transition into employment and training. You should have experience of managing successful ESF projects, the ability to develop provision and a track record of successful engagement with 14-16 year olds and other stakeholders. Working closely with the Area Manager for Kent and Nacro's Regional Performance team, you will also need to work with partner organisations to ensure the project is effective across the whole area. The post will be based in either Kent and Medway or the Brighton area, is dependent on ESF funding and is currently until 2010.

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## TIE PROJECT MANAGER

£24,535 per annum

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### Lecturer in Travel & Tourism Salary: £25,092 - £28,719

Ref: JU01

An opportunity has arisen for a Lecturer in Travel & Tourism. The main purpose of the role is to deliver and teach on a range of Travel and Tourism courses. You must have a relevant degree, ideally in Tourism and will have or be willing to work towards an appropriate teaching qualification within a specified timeframe. The department will also consider applications from candidates who would prefer part-time hours therefore please specify clearly on your application form.

### Lecturer in Engineering Salary: £25,092 - £28,719

Ref: JU02

You will have proven experience in Engineering and be able to teach across a range of levels from Foundation/GCSE to Higher National. The successful candidate will have a HNC or Degree in an Engineering subject. Candidates should hold or be willing to work towards an approved teaching qualification.

### Lecturer in Public Services Salary: £25,092 - £28,719

Ref: JU03

We are seeking to recruit a Lecturer to teach on a range of BTEC and school links programmes. The successful candidate will have experience in Public Services and have a recognised teaching qualification. The department will also consider applications from candidates without a teaching qualification although this will be reflected in the grading.

### Additional Learning Support Tutor Salary: £25,092 - £28,719

Ref: JU04

The successful candidate will work across all our College campuses and will have a recognised teaching qualification or be working towards an appropriate qualification. The candidate will be able to demonstrate recent, all round experience and knowledge in supporting learners with difficulties.

### Lecturer in Plumbing Salary: £25,092 - £28,719

Ref: JU05

The ideal candidate will have current knowledge and experience of the Building Services Industry and have a relevant trade qualification in plumbing. A recognised teaching qualification would be advantageous.

### Technician in Engineering Support Grade B: £15,057 - £18,534

Ref: JU06

As a member of the Engineering & Construction Crafts team you will undertake all support duties associated with the Engineering workshops as directed by teaching or instructing staff. You will have experience working in an Engineering environment and/or have an HNC in Engineering.

### Sessional Lecturers

Ref: JU07

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The College is currently looking to recruit dynamic and enthusiastic Sessional Lecturers in Health Care, Child Care & Public Services to deliver programmes from foundation to level 3. Previous experience in relevant field essential and teaching experience would be advantageous.

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Ref: JU08

We are looking to recruit a Sessional Lecturer in Psychology to teach on a range of courses and participate in the development of Psychology. Applicants must have a relevant degree in Psychology.

### Information, Advice & Guidance Advisor - Level 4 Salary: £23,669 - £30,027 Learner Advisor - Level 3 Salary: £11,599 - £16,199

Ref: JU09

Ref: JU10

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### Examinations Assistant Grade B: £14,618 - £17,994

Ref: JU11

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### Learning Support Assistant Salary: £11,599 - £16,199

Ref: JU12

As a Learning Support Assistant you will support learners with challenging behaviour and learning disabilities. Previous experience would be advantageous.

### Caretaker (5 month fixed term contract 20 hours per week) Salary: £11,599 - £16,199 pro-rata

Ref: JU13

As a member of the Campus Management Team you will help provide a clean and safe environment for users of the College's buildings and grounds and assist in other general campus management duties as required.

### Kitchen Assistant (27 hours per week)

Ref: JU14

Salary: £12,245 - £13,004 pro-rata

We are seeking to recruit a Kitchen Assistant to provide support to both students and Lecturers in the Catering department.

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**Ref: CFHE/08/0283**

**Closing date: Midday, 24th July 2008.**

**Interview date: 12th August 2008.**

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This potentially challenging yet highly rewarding role will encourage an organised, innovative and young person's focussed approach to education, working effectively with the curriculum to provide core subjects, vocational experiences and the development of an inclusive approach to wider supportive services and the extended schools agenda.

The role will include working alongside staff, agencies, schools, communities, parents and young people to identify opportunities to establish robust working partnerships. You will manage the provision of full time education for the young people and also have a shared responsibility for supporting other staff in a similar area, with a particular focus on the co-ordination of services, induction and training.

We are looking for applicants with a good understanding of educational issues who possess experience of working with young people, specifically in the secondary sector.

**Ref: CFHE/08/0272**

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These challenging, yet highly rewarding roles will need an organised and innovative person who is focussed to education. You will work effectively with the curriculum to provide core subjects, vocational experiences and the development of an inclusive approach to wider supportive services and the extended schools agenda. An open approach to deliver across a spectrum of subject areas is preferable and may include the design and delivery of schemes of work based around our dedicated areas of specialism that include: Motor Vehicle Engineering, Construction, IT, Carpentry, Art and Music.

The role will include working alongside other staff members, agencies, schools, communities and parents to maximise young peoples learning opportunities and to establish robust working partnerships.

We are looking for applicants with a good understanding of educational issues who possess experience of working with young people, specifically in the secondary sector.

**Ref: CFHE/08/0271**

**Project Assistant**

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Kent Safe Schools have successfully secured a bid to support permanently excluded young people through alternative education programmes.

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We are looking for applicants with a good understanding of educational issues and who possess experience of working with young people, specifically in the secondary sector.

You will be a flexible Project Assistant with commitment, vision and passion who can be a key part of the staff team.

Additionally, you will support the delivery of a broad-based curriculum aimed at targeting up to 50 young people at Key Stage 4, complementing other professional disciplines. The aims of the teams' work will be the maintenance and development of young people towards recognised qualifications and learning outcomes.

**Ref: CFHE/08/0273**

**Closing date for all three posts: Midday, 18th July 2008.**

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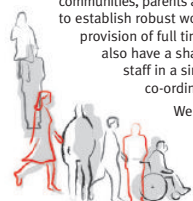
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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Marketing man to lead young entrepreneurs

KENT Association for Young Entrepreneurs has appointed a new chairman.

The only organisation of its kind in the country committed to helping the county's young entrepreneurs, it has appointed David Ing to the role. He is managing director of Maidstone-based CFA Marketing Communications.

It follows a three-year involvement with the organisation, which is supported by the Kent branch of the Institute of Directors.

He takes over from Jo Ostermeyer, of chartered accountants Creaseys LLP.

### Travel firms moves into luxury with takeover

MAIDSTONE-based Medway Travel is celebrating its 15th year in business by expanding into a rapidly growing niche area for luxury holidays.

It has just taken over the Wellbeing Holidays International brand by merging tour operator Pegasus Luxury Travel into its business.

Pegasus's Geoff Davies, who set up the travel firm in 1997, approached Medway Travel and asked if it would like to work with him.

Paul Julius, of Medway Travel, saw it as a way of meeting increasing demands from customers for luxury holidays.

### Eco merchant in line for green leader award

AN ECO-FRIENDLY building and decorating materials supplier is in the running for a top green business award.

Ecomerchant, based in Goodnestone, near Canterbury, has been selected as one of the top 40 environment-friendly businesses in this year's Barclays Commercial Bank Green Leaders in Business Awards.

The company was founded ten years ago by Joe Wild after he discovered how difficult it was to source such materials.

It will now bid to be crowned the National Green Leader in Business in the medium business category.

# There's a new face at chamber's helm

## Director Jo takes on Kent Invicta chief executive role

■ BY TONY PATEY

IT'S all change at the top of one of the county's biggest business support organisations, after Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce appointed a new chief executive.

Chris Capron has stepped down from the role because of long-term illness and been replaced by Jo James.

Mr Capron has been at the helm of the chamber for the past nine years, successfully guiding it through an era of expansion.

He built it from the Ashford Chamber of Commerce to become Kent Invicta Chamber, which covers the areas of Ashford, Canterbury, Maidstone and west Kent, with offices in Ashford and Maidstone.

As the largest chamber in the county – and now one of the largest in the South East – Kent Invicta has an active membership of 1,200 businesses.

Graham Galpin, the chamber's chairman, said: "It has been a pleasure and an honour to work with Mr Capron, to whom we owe so much."

"He has placed the chamber in an enviable position and one of great strength."

"Since he has been recovering from surgery in November, Mrs James, the chamber's director of

membership services, has taken on the role as acting chief executive and has done an excellent job in keeping it moving forward in this difficult interim period.

"Having worked for the chamber since 1989, Mrs James has been involved in all aspects of the chamber's activities and has been at the forefront of many of its developments and achievements over this period."

"Her enthusiasm and experience will ensure that it continues to grow and develop for the benefit of the membership. I have no doubt it will continue to move forward under her capable guidance."

Mrs James said: "I am, of course, thrilled and proud to take on the chief executive role and will continue to work for its benefit, as well as for the members and the business community as a whole."

"Naturally, I hope to inject into the position my own philosophies, and there are likely to be some changes because of that."

"I see my role very much as a guide, helping the board and the staff to find the best way to develop the chamber to the benefit of the members and the community."

To find out more about the Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce, you can email [info@kentinvictachamber.co.uk](mailto:info@kentinvictachamber.co.uk), phone 01233 503838, or visit [www.kentinvictachamber.co.uk](http://www.kentinvictachamber.co.uk).




**TOP JOB:** Jo James has been appointed chief executive of Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce after Chris Capron resigned because of ill-health, after helping its expansion

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## Bapchild dominate but can only draw

BAPCHILD were left frustrated after completely dominating their game with Offham at the weekend.

An unbeaten 103 from Ben Fulton and 50 not out from Adam Larking helped the Swale club to 238-3 from 50 overs.

Matthew Roche was the star of the show with the ball for Bapchild as he claimed 4-21. However, Offham managed to hang on and ended on 140-8, leaving Bapchild with a winning draw.

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Gills boss Mark Stimson talks about his side's busy pre-season schedule

# All-round effort leads to victory for Minster boys

AN ACCOMPLISHED performance from both Minster's batsmen and bowlers set up a comfortable 42 run win for the islanders.

Batting first, Minster got off to a flyer with captain Mark Tucker (35) and Australian Henry Cooper putting on 85 for the first wicket.

Cooper made 54 at the top of the order before he became the first of three wickets for Liam Jensen.

Brothers Andy and Neil Hosken put on a 61 run partnership for the third wicket which help set up a competitive score for the Sheppey side.

Some quick runs at the end from Mike Rees and James White saw Minster close on 205-8 from their 50 overs.

## CRICKET

BY GLENN PEARSON

South African seamer Nathan Nichol was in destructive form with the ball as he claimed the first three wickets to fall, leaving the away side in a precarious position.

A stubborn 71 from Neepesh Thacker kept his side in the game for a short while, but the Minster bowlers applied the squeeze and managed to take wickets at the other end.

Nichol recorded superb figures of 5-33 and Mike Rees 3-43 as HSBC were bowled out for 163 with nine balls to spare.



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TOP SCORE: Australian Henry Cooper hits 54 for Minster against HSBC

## Kent Cricket League Division Three

Minster CC - 1st XI v HSBC CC 1st XI

### Minster

	Runs
Henry Cooper ct Slater b Jensen	54
Mark Tucker b Jensen	35
Neil Hosken b Jensen	31
Andy Hosken ct Bowles b Slater	30
James White b Pope	18
Craig O'Donoghue b Bate	6
Nathan Nichol b Bate	1
Mike Rees not out	11
Chris Collins ct Slater b Bate	5
Callum Hughes not out	4
Martin Hammond did not bat	

Extras (1b 6lb 2w 1nb)	18
Total (8 wickets, 50 overs)	205

### Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Stuart Bate	9	3	26	3
Alan Slater	7	1	38	1
Liam Jensen	15	1	61	3
Matthew Abalom	7	0	26	0
Sam Pope	12	2	43	1

### HSBC

	Runs
Jack Harris c & b Nichol	8
Jack Potter b Nichol	4
Sam Perks b Nichol	1
Alan Slater ct Hughesb Cooper	12
Neepesh Thacker b White	71
Stuart Bate b Rees	30
Richard Slater ct White b Rees	10
Sam Pope ct White b Rees	11
Mark Bowles ct Hughes b Nichol	10
Matthew Abalom not out	0
Liam Jensen lbw b Nichol	0

Extras (5lb 1w)	6
Total (all out, 48.3 overs)	165

### Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Nathan Nichol	14.3	3	33	5
James White	13	5	37	1
Henry Cooper	9	0	34	1
Mike Rees	11	2	43	3
Martin Hammond	1	0	16	0

## LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

### KENT PREMIER LEAGUE

Sandwich Town 1st XI v  
Gore Court 1st XI

A CENTURY from Leon Johnson helped struggling Sandwich Town upset the form book by beating title hopefuls Gore Court by 34 runs.

The visitors won the toss and their decision to bowl looked a good one as Sandwich were reduced to 74-5. Johnson rebuilt the innings and put on 97 with Robert Goatham before he was run out.

Chasing 249 for victory, Chris Plesley put Gore Court on course for victory with 85. But the visitors suffered an alarming collapse, losing their last six wickets for just 29 runs.

Victory lifted Sandwich to within two points of safety.

#### Sandwich

	Runs
Michael Beaumont	5
Sam Northeast	16
Kevin Beaumont	0
Leon Johnson	117
Craig Draper	17
Craig Snell	17
David Scarr	20
Robert Goatham	53
Gavin Lawrence	4
Craig Spanton	0
Liam Evans	0

Extras (1b 9lb 4w 2nb) 16	
Total (all out, 54.3 overs)	248

#### Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Adeel Hussain	11	0	64	2
Philip Edwards	13	5	48	1
Adam Collins	5	0	26	2
Chris Plesley	12	1	38	1
Alex Edwards	11.3	0	55	1
Richard Cooper	2	0	7	2

#### Gore Court

	Runs
Steve Marsh	17
Chris Plesley	85
Richard Cooper	18
Kevin Jones	43
Neville Talbot	12
Christian Marsh	13
Philip Edwards	0
Martin McCague	0
Adeel Hussain	0
Adam Collins	8
Alex Edwards	10

Extras (4lb 4w) 8	
Total (all out, 53.1 overs)	214

#### Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Craig Spanton	15	2	46	4
Liam Evans	6	0	35	1
Sam Northeast	7	0	40	0
Leon Johnson	12	0	53	2
Robert Goatham	13.1	1	36	3

### KENT CRICKET LEAGUE

#### DIVISION THREE

Upchurch 1st XI v  
Gravesend 1st XI

UPCHURCH tightened their grip on Division Three with an eight-wicket victory against one of their closest rivals.

Several of the visitors' batsmen played their way in but none could build on the decent starts to their innings as Gravesend posted a modest 159-9 from their 50 overs.

Adam Hodder was the pick of the Upchurch bowlers, returning figures of 3-45. Skipper Dean Headley and Jim Phillips put on 80 for the first wicket and runs from Lee Taylor and Hales junior saw them home.

It was the sixth time Upchurch had won batting second and extended their lead at the top to 16 points.

#### Gravesend

	Runs
Christopher Maurice	3
James Butler	25
Vinodh Bhombia	24
Tan Harikins	10
Craig Maguire	25
Charley Nash	7
Simon Norvill	17
Robbi Nash	26
Andrew Quinton	1
Sam Kelleher	5
Ryan Bradley	2

Extras (2lb 8w 3nb) 13	
Total (9 wickets, 50 overs)	159

#### Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Daniel Parker	6	0	18	0
Andy Holmwood	6	0	24	1
John Sutton	15	3	35	1
Adam Hodder	15	3	45	3
Michael Hales jnr	4	1	15	2
Kevin Collis	4	0	19	1

#### Upchurch

	Runs
Dean Headley	58
Jim Phillips	30
Lee Taylor	48
Michael Hales jnr	14
Daniel Parker	0
Michael Hales	0
Warren Little	0
Adam Hodder	0
Kevin Collis	0
John Sutton	0
Andy Holmwood	0

Extras (5lb 1lb 5w 1nb) 12	
Total (2 wickets, 40.4 overs)	162

#### Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Simon Norvill	9	2	0	0
Ryan Bradley	6	1	17	0
Charley Nash	10	1	31	0
Robbi Nash	8	1	40	1
Christopher Maurice	4	0	23	1
Sam Kelleher	3.4	0	23	0

### KENT LEAGUE

#### DIVISION FOUR

Rodmersham CC 1st XI v  
Bromley Town CC 1st XI

YOUNGSTER Marc Bond starred with both bat and ball as he helped Rodmersham to a comfortable 122 run win at Bottles Lane.

Wicketkeeper Liam Foster hit 82 at the top of the innings for the home side, while Bond carried on the momentum at number three with 38. Sandeep Rodrigo scored 53 before being run out and Dylan Emmett crashed 27 to help Rodmersham to a healthy 255-7 before skipper Darren Nokes declared with under five overs to spare. The decision worked as Bromley lost wickets at regular intervals thanks to Bond's 5-27 and Nazoomi Azhar's 2-19 from 12.

#### Rodmersham

	Runs
Liam Foster	82
Dave Cogger	9
Marc Bond	38
Lee Jackson	14
Neil Hodgkinson	5
Sandeep Rodrigo	53
Dylan Emmett	27
Nazoomi Azhar	1
Darren Nokes	5
Jack Bayford	0
Matthew Baker	0

Extras (5lb 5lb 6w 1nb) 21	
Total (7 wickets dec, 45.3 overs)	255

#### Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
William Goodyear	8	2	29	0
Matt Twose	4	0	28	0
Ian Porter	7	0	49	1
Rob Rickard	11	2	42	1
Alex Taylor	10	1	48	3
David Scorer	5.3	0	45	2

#### Bromley Town

	Runs
Paul Slamon	25
Ian Ferrier	43
Michael Armenakis	0
Rob Rickard	1
William Goodyear	12
David Scorer	23
Alex Taylor	5
Matt Twose	1
Luke Constant	2
Stefan Taylor	0
Ian Porter	12

Extras (6b 3w)	9
Total (all out, 46 overs)	133

#### Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Sandeep Rodrigo	10	1	31	0
Darren Nokes	7	2	21	0
Nazoomi Azhar	12	3	19	2
Dylan Emmett	7	1	29	2
Marc Bond	10	1	27	5

### KENT LEAGUE

#### DIVISION FIVE

Macknade CC 1st XI v  
Farningham CC 1st XI

LEE Rigden played a captain's innings to help his side record a valuable win against Farningham at the weekend. His 51 helped his side to 201 all out with contributions from James Juniper (22), Gareth Abbott (32) and an unbeaten 29 from Phil Rowcroft.

James Wiles was the pick of the Farningham attack with figures of 5-51. A devastating spell from Jamie Rigden (4-45) and Phil Rowcroft (3-48) left the Farningham batting line-up with a mountain to climb.

Only Neal Pittman with an unbeaten 62 put up much resistance as his side were bowled out for 167 to hand victory to Macknade by 34 runs.

#### Macknade

	Runs
Gareth Abbott	32
Andrew Machin	7
Danny Haxton	0
Scott Davenport	5
Lee Rigden	51
James Juniper	22
Phil Rowcroft	29
Steve Taylor	1
James Rigden	13
Darryl Cook	3
James Jarrett	12

Extras (1b 12lb 11w 2nb) 26	
Total (all out, 50 overs)	201

#### Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Oliver Powell	8	2	20	0
James Wiles	15	0	51	5
Simon Price	9	2	48	0
Shafiq Khan	10	2	43	2
Lorne Burns	8	1	27	1

#### Farningham

	Runs
James Wiles	14
Chris Newman	16
Darren Blake	6
Lorne Burns	11
Headleigh Wiles	0
Simon Price	22
Neal Pittman	62
Colin Fensom	23
Shafiq Khan	13
Oliver Powell	0
Graham Cuthbertson	0

Extras (3lb 1nb) 4	
Total (all out, 46 overs)	115

#### Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
James Jarrett	10	1	42	1
Jamie Rigden	13	2	45	4
Phil Rowcroft	12.5	2	48	3
Darryl Cook	9	1	28	2



# Lilywhites ready for the visit of the Gills

## FOOTBALL

BY GLENN PEARSON

FAVERSHAM are hoping for a big crowd at Salters Lane tomorrow night as Mark Stimson brings his Gillingham team to town.

The League Two side are believed to be bringing a full strength team to Salters Lane to take on Justin Luchford and Jimmy Strouts' new look side.

More than 400 people packed into Salters Lane on Saturday for the club's first pre-season fixture against Andy Hessenthaler's Dover Athletic.

It was the first chance for Lilywhites fans to see new signings Lynden Rowland, Lee Shearer, Dave Soutan, Kevin Readings and Damian Able. Dave Bathgate also made an appearance for Town and Luchford hopes he will make his move from Kent League rivals Deal Town permanent in the next few weeks.

The Town bosses also gave a debut to 16-year-old local star Jamie Sparks, who performed admirably at the back.

Town lost out to a Frannie Collin effort 12 minutes from time as they went down 1-0, and although Dover had the majority of possession, the previously leaky Town defence appears to have been tightened up.

Luchford was delighted with the work out for his team, who had to face a different Dover XI in the second half.



GOOD START: Faversham Town youngster Jamie Sparks (white) coped with the pace of Sam Jones well on his debut

He said: "It was exactly what we needed really. We knew they would keep the ball and it was important that we kept our shape. They had a lot more chances than us but I think they were mainly from outside the box. Some of the boys we came up against are ex-league players and to have been beaten through a breakaway goal - I can't ask any more of my

players really."

The Town boss is looking forward to the challenge of taking on Gillingham on Thursday night.

He said: "The game is a showpiece and is to get the crowds through the gate and to raise a little bit of money for the club, while giving the players a little bit of fitness."



BIG INNINGS: Darren Stevens hit Bears for six

## Bear tamer Stevens helps Spitfires into Twenty20 finals day

### CRICKET

DARREN Stevens inspired Kent to victory over the Warwickshire Bears to help them reach Twenty20 finals day for the second year in succession.

The Spitfires could be the first team to claim back-to-back Twenty20 titles after they beat the Bears convincingly by 42 runs at Edgbaston last Thursday.

Stevens helped his side recover from 60-4 to reach 175-6, a total that proved too much for the home team.

The former Leicestershire all-rounder clubbed 69 from 32 balls which included six fours and five sixes and was ably supported at the end by power-hitter Azhar Mahmood. The Pakistani all-rounder smashed an unbeaten 25 from 13 balls to help take the game away from the Bears.

In reply, Warwickshire struggled and when Twenty20 specialist Darren Maddy was out with the score at 78-5, all hope was lost for the home side.

Arafat took 3-29 while Stevens capped a man-of-the-match display after finishing with figures of 2-29, as Warwickshire ended on 133-8.

Key acknowledged Stevens' innings had turned the game in his side's favour.

He said after the game: "Darren Stevens played a serious innings. I thought 130 would mean we were in the game but 175 was always going to be too many."

Kent will play Essex Eagles in the semi-final at the Rose Bowl on July 26, with Middlesex playing either Durham or Nottinghamshire in the other match.

Although Kent will probably be the favourites, Key is not getting carried away.

He said: "With Twenty20 it depends on who pitches up on the day. We've got two more games to win but we're not in the final yet."

"The good thing is we've still got players to come good who haven't played as well as they can in Twenty20."

If Kent win the semi-final they will automatically be entered in September's Champions League against teams from around the world for a chance to win £2.4 million.

However, the England and Wales Cricket Board are yet to decide on whether teams that field players from the Indian Cricket League - such as Kent's Azhar Mahmood and Justin Kemp - will be allowed to feature.

## Abbott in no panic as Brickies lose striker

### FOOTBALL

BRICKIES boss Gary Abbott is refusing to panic despite losing leading striker Bradley Spice to rivals Ashford Town.

Spice, who had been courted by Folkestone Invicta and Welling United, opted to join the ex-Brickies contingent at Ashford with former boss Steve Lovell.

Abbott admitted he was disappointed to lose Spice, but understands why he chose to go.

He said: "I knew in the back of my mind that he would end up going, but I have been there myself and if another team offers you more money it's hard to refuse. It is really hard to compete with teams that can offer more money, but we are going to just have to go with the youngsters from now on."

Having let James Campbell leave towards the end of last season and Paul Ainsworth leaving for Whitstable Town last week, Abbott is left with just Billy Manners at the back. Considering he plans to play Manners in midfield this season, Abbott is aware he needs to pick up a few central defenders.

One of those will be former



CALM: Abbott faces up to life after Spice

Brickie Adam Douglas who spent last season at Lordswood.

Douglas was missing for Saturday's friendly 3-0 defeat to Greenwich Borough.

Abbott said: "I have a squad of about 20-odd players and I am sure there will be some more before the start of the season. We have about four weeks yet."

"We have good links with Welling and Fisher Athletic and Tommy Warriol at Tonbridge Angels is a friend of mine, so we should pick up a few of their tri-allists."

Sittingbourne face Welling at Bourne Park on Thursday night.

## Byrne hopes to do the double again at Oulton

### SUPERBIKES

SHANE 'Shakey' Byrne heads to Oulton Park this weekend looking to extend his lead at the top of the British Superbikes Championship.

The Sheppey rider has a commanding lead of 97 over second-placed Cal Crutchlow and with two race wins at the Cheshire track, it could be all over bar the shouting for the 32-year-old Airwaves Ducati rider.

Byrne will be looking forward to getting back to Oulton Park as earlier in the season he claimed a double victory and 50 points in two pulsating races. In the first, he came from 13th position to win with three laps to go.

There are still 12 more races of the season left with a maximum of 300 points still to fight for. However, with another double at Oulton Park this weekend, it would be difficult for Cal Crutchlow and third-placed team-mate Leon Camier, to catch him.

While Byrne powers his way to the BSB title, all eyes are on his Ducati team to see if they apply for the Sheppey star to race as a wild card entry at this year's



WINNER: Shane Byrne is closing in on securing the British Superbikes' title

World Superbike Championship (WSC) at Kent's Brands Hatch.

Three riders from the BSB have already been named and all Byrne fans will be hoping he will put his name to the championship.

Byrne won the Brands Hatch round of the WSC in 2003 when he did the double to the delight of a packed crowd.

For the latest and to see how Byrne does at Oulton Park, see [www.yourswale.co.uk](http://www.yourswale.co.uk).

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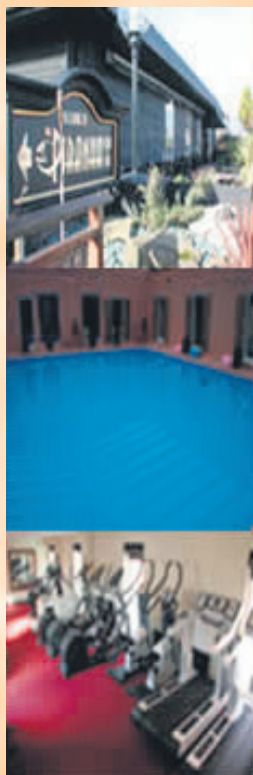
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